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ASMARA FALLS IN 5 DAYS

Asmara, capital of Eritrea, has fallen. This success, which is likely to prove the beginning of the end of resistance in Eritrea, follows only five days after the capture of Keren.

In that brief time the British and Indian forces, ably supported by the R.A.F., have pursued the dispirited Italians over 75 miles to yesterday's new resounding victory.

The way is now open for the next drive against Massawa, Italy's last port on the Red Sea.

The speed of the advance takes additional credit from the fact that the fighting before Keren was of a most exhausting kind, leading to the climax of a fortnight's sustained attacks under most difficult physical conditions of climate and terrain.

Duke's Problem

In their progress, since Thursday the British forces have had no easy task, being faced by a steep climb mainly through a defile.

With the fall of Asmara the problem confronting the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, respecting the safety of Italians, including women and children, daily becomes more difficult. — Reuter.

Battle Of The Atlantic

The present scale of British shipping losses is not high enough for Hitler to achieve victory in 1941, as he had promised, and he could only win by obtaining mastery of the Atlantic.

So declared Lt-Comdr Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London yesterday.

Admiral Cunningham's latest triumph was only a phase in the great naval battle.

The deciding phase would be fought in the Atlantic. It would be a hard and a tough fight but we would win. — Reuter.

Yugoslavia Issue Believed Entering Upon Final Stage

PERUVIAN WARSHIP IN PURSUIT

The Peruvian destroyers Almirante Guise and Almirante Villar were despatched by the naval authorities to Callao to chase two German ships that weighed anchor on Monday night and made for the high seas.

It is thought they would be intercepted by the British warship Prince Henry, which visited Callao last week. — Reuter.

WITH THE REPORTED DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN OF VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER IN BELGRADE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GERMAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ARE ENTERING THE FINAL STAGE.

German circles in Belgrade declare von Heeren is returning to give a personal report to Hitler, who will take decisive action immediately.

German negotiations with the new Yugoslav Government are reported to be centred around three demands from the Axis, namely:

Full compensation for damage to German property after the coup of the Tripartite Pact.

Demobilisation of the Yugoslav army.

Menacing Note

Germany beat the big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note yesterday, continuing the war of nerves against Yugoslavia.

"General anti-German tendencies in Yugoslavia have become steadily worse," says the German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation.

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UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY SEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE POLICY ADOPTED by the new Yugoslav Government is clear and unequivocal; they wish to maintain peace and to keep in close and friendly relations with all their political independence and territorial integrity.

While they have not repudiated the Axis Pact they are examining it very carefully and objectively. If its provisions do not run counter to Yugoslav policy, the Government of General Simovitch will probably not denounce the signatures of its predecessors.

But it is evident the Germans are not prepared to leave the interpretation of the Pact in the hands of General Simovitch and his Government.

To the Nazis, as they have repeatedly declared, there is no such thing as neutrality. A country must be either for or against them, especially if the Germans are able to enforce this point of view.

In these circumstances, Germany's attitude would leave Yugoslavia only the alternatives of subservience or the consequences of refusal, and it is significant that German propaganda is now running in the same direction as it took before the attacks on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Different Spirit

But the Germans are dealing in Belgrade with a Government which has come to power on a tide of national feeling against serfdom.

As a result, the attempt to drive a wedge between Serbs and Croats and Slovenes is unlikely to be more successful than the efforts to intimidate the Serbs with stories of the "horrible" persecution of German settlers.

The Croats are strongly democratic and are consequently opposed to totalitarian methods and ideas. In addition, the recent Allied successes, coupled with the American attitude, have influenced opinion in the Balkans. — Reuter.

AIRMEN'S ROLE IN NAVAL VICTORY

"We found the Italian ships steaming like billyho for home and fairly plastered them."

This was a squadron leader's description of one R.A.F. attack on the Italians during Friday's naval battle.

This squadron was en route for a normal raid on Tripoli when it received news of the war at sea and cheerfully altered direction.

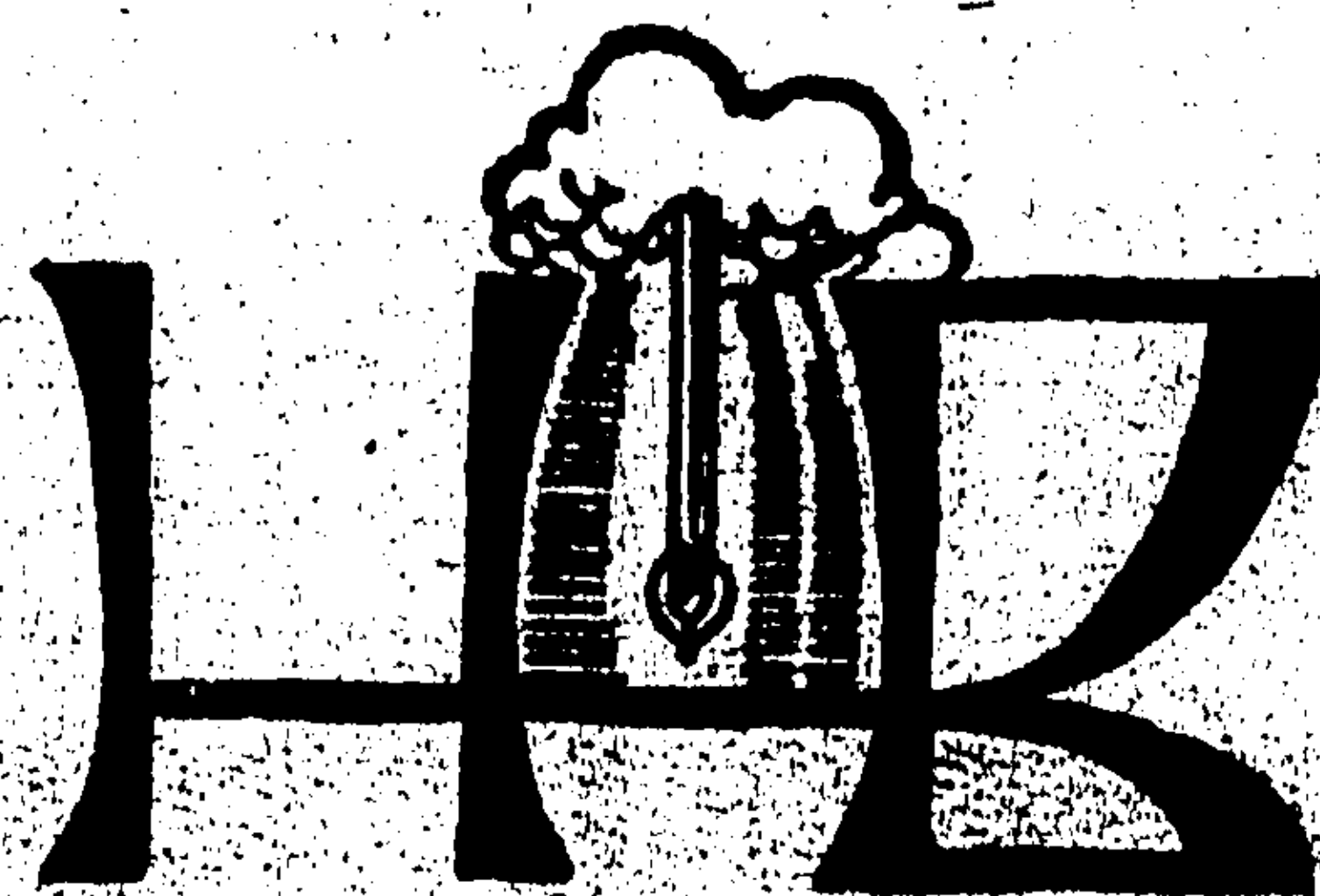
"We hit one big ship twice amidships," he said, "and she stopped with clouds of black and yellow smoke shooting up 200 feet."

News of the Italian panic comes from the leader of another R.A.F. attack.

In Confusion

"We found the Italians had fled in great confusion, zigzagging violently and occasionally getting in each other's way," he said. He added simply "We bombed them and increased the confusion." — Reuter.

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"A FAMOUS VICTORY"

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CONGRATULATIONS from the British Government have been sent to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian fleet.

This was disclosed in the House of Lords yesterday by the Leader of the House, Lord Moyne, who said: "To-day our minds are filled with the gallantry of the forces engaged off Matapan and with the brilliant skill of their leadership."

MATSUOKA HAS TALK WITH MUSSOLINI

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had what is described as "a cordial conversation" with Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace in Rome at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

After the meeting Ciano accompanied Mr. Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr. Matsuoka saw Mussolini.

Mr. Matsuoka's interview with Mussolini lasted about an hour and took place in the presence of Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horikiri.—*Reuter*.

U.S. ENTRY PROPHECY

THE STOCKHOLM "POSTEN" DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE DAY IS NOT DISTANT WHEN UNITED STATES WARSHIPS WILL OPERATE WITH THE ROYAL NAVY.

It will be an historical battle against German attempts to sink British and American tonnage, says the paper, and one is tempted to prophesy that it cannot succeed against overwhelmingly superior power.—*Reuter*.

450,000 ON STRIKE IN COALFIELDS

Altogether 450,000 workers are affected by a stoppage of work in United States major bituminous coal mines.

The strike was due to a deadlock over a new contract for the miners.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN UNITS SHATTERED

Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, stated Athens radio yesterday, quoting a Greek Press Ministry bulletin.—*Reuter*.

"This war has taught us no new lessons to add to the courage and brilliancy with which we have maintained our sea power. These qualities are traditional."

"The Battle of Cyrenaica was a model combination between land, air and sea forces, and the Battle of Matapan has offered a perfect example of cooperation between the Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. which is based on the island of Crete."

"At last the training and efficiency of the Fleet has had its reward. Throughout the war it has faced the methods of submarines, a warfare which the Germans applied to what was previously looked upon as a system of indiscriminate murder."

Bitter Experience

"The Nazis have profited by the bitter experience of the Graf Spee, which with its heavier armament was driven to destruction by the accurate gunners of Archilles, Ajax and Exeter, and have, since that experience, taken care that Nazi and Italian surface ships shall never meet their match in size or arms but shall run away from smaller units to avoid disaster."

"The kill of Admiral Cunningham's combined operations has completely defeated this method."

"Bombing from the air prevented the Italian units profiting from their additional speed in flight, and have enabled our ships to finish their work."

No Precedent

"We have become accustomed to such disproportionate casualties between victors and vanquished as has reminded us of the wars between the Persians and Greeks on the classic battlegrounds of the Near East."

"But not even the Battle of Salamis, where Persian losses were five times as great as those of the Greeks, can provide a precedent for the overwhelming disaster to the Italian fleet without the cost to the victors of a single man or ship." (Cheers)—*Reuter*.

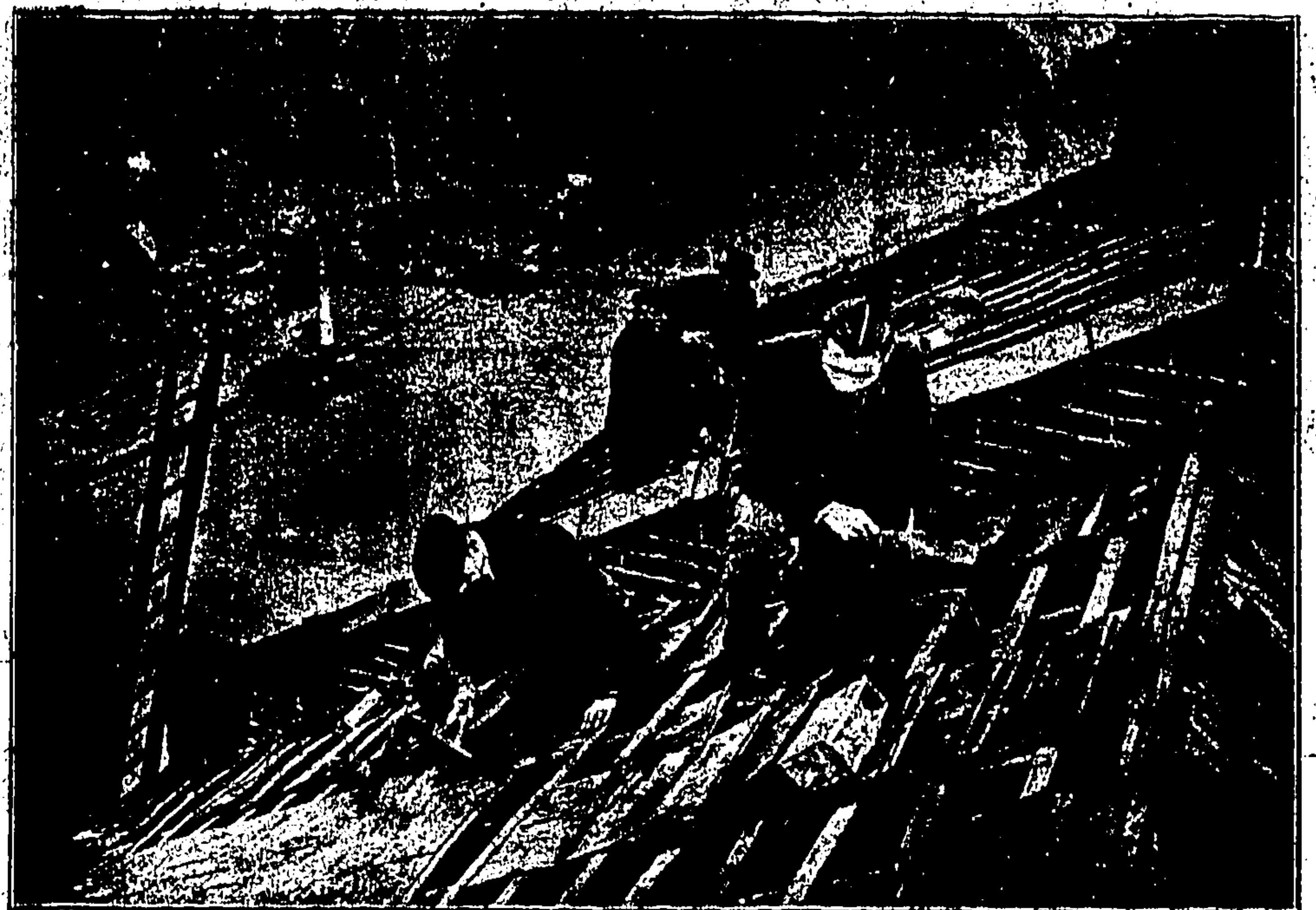
RELIGIOUS SUPPRESSION IN GERMANY

Fresh accusations about religious conditions in Germany were made in a broadcast from the Vatican radio last night.

The announcer declared that religious houses had been closed all over Germany, often with no pretext at all, and these houses are not returned to their proper owners.

"The recruiting of Christians is made difficult and religious instruction is almost entirely absent in schools, in many of which a priest is not allowed to enter the classes."

"Difficulties are also placed in the way of a priest in communicating with and assisting soldiers, and he knows that any slight error he may make against one or the other of the Government rules may result in his expulsion from the parish."—*Reuter*.



"BLITZED" HOUSES ARE BEING REPAIRED—Permanent repairs are being executed to bombed houses by local councils who have the Ministry of Health's approval. In the London borough where this picture was taken, the local council have their employees hard to work on the damaged houses. (Copyright, Fox).

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LONGMORE ON R.A.F. FEATS

THE IMPORTANT PART played by the R.A.F. in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and in the Mediterranean was emphasised by Chief Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from Cairo yesterday on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft had been destroyed in the Middle East and paid a great tribute to the magnificent defence of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissances in cooperation with the Navy.

Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. sea reconnaissance aircraft located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements.

Acting on this information R.A.F. bombers attacked, hit and crippled one, and possibly two, of the cruisers and one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

Storms To Weather

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction "but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet."

He concluded by wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.—*Reuter*.

FRANCO 'AMNESTY'

FORTY THOUSAND POLITICAL PRISONERS, ACCUSED OF REBELLION, WILL BE LIBERATED UNDER A LAW SIGNED BY GENERAL FRANCO YESTERDAY. THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR, SAYS A MADRID DESPATCH TO THE FRENCH OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

The men to be freed are ex-soldiers of the Republican Army or civilians who supported the Republican regime.

Their liberation is conditional and will become final only after each case has been individually examined.—*Reuter*.

BURMA RAILWAY PROPOSALS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA TO BUILD A RAILWAY LINE FROM RAILHEAD AT LASHIO TO THE FRONTIER, WHICH WILL LINK UP THE BURMA RAILWAY SYSTEM WITH THAT OF CHINA, STATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BURMA YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A COMMONS QUESTION.

It is understood that this is a long term rather than a short term plan, rendered necessary by the fact that the Burma-Yunnan road has proved to be inadequate for most general requirements of traffic between the two countries.—*Reuter*.

BLUE STOCKINGS SURPRISE EVEN THEMSELVES

SHOULD WAR-TIME CONDITIONS BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH BRITAIN'S TRADITIONAL SUNDAY?

The House of Commons, after a spirited debate yesterday, decided that the tradition of Sunday must be upheld. The debate arose out of a Government order enabling theatres to open on Sundays.

Government, however, made it clear that no political implications were involved and every member was free to vote according to the dictates of his own feelings.

Member after member argued in the Commons that theatres should have the same freedom as the G.P.O. and cinemas. The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the Government, declared that both soldiers and workers needed these facilities.

Order Deferred

But meanwhile opponents of the order were busy in the lobby rounding up their supporters

and, rather to their own surprise, says *Reuter's* lobby correspondent, they won.

On a free vote the order enabling theatres to open on Sundays was defeated by 144 votes against 136.—*Reuter*.

RECIPROCAL USE OF AIRFIELDS

The United States and Mexico yesterday signed a convention providing for the reciprocal use of air fields.

This will permit United States planes to reach Panama in the shortest possible time.—*Reuter*.

TERRIFIC HAVOC BY GIANT R.A.F. BOMBS

Emden Gets First Taste Of Power Of New 'Planes

SOME IDEA OF THE terrific devastation which followed the visit of the R.A.F. to the German industrial centre of Emden on Monday night may be gathered from a report by the Air Ministry news service.

This mentions that six of the bombs dropped — the most powerful ever carried in a bomber — may be compared with the ordinary bombs carried both by the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe "as the shells of howitzers to those of field-guns."

A streak of incendiaries from one of the first aircraft over Emden started three fires in the centre of the city, by the light of which streets could be seen.

"GEORGE" HELPS PILOTS

In the last war flights were seldom of greater length than 500 miles and the time spent in the air never more than five hours. In this war pilots have to fly distances four times as long, and ten or eleven hours in the air is not uncommon.

Eighteen years ago scientists of many countries set out to solve the problem of rest for the pilot during long journeys, and all of them played their part in making the automatic pilot, or "George," as it is called in the R.A.F., an efficient member of the crew. Dual control in some long distance machines made "George" a luxury rather than a necessity, but smaller aircraft cannot so comfortably take two pilots.

One such machine is the Hampden bomber. If the pilot's place has to be taken by a relief pilot it calls for a feat of gymnastics. But with "George" in position, the pilot change places without rushing or scrambling.

The captain of a Hampden bomber who has flown far into Germany said: "I shall always remember by first trip to Berlin in an aircraft which had no George! I came back almost worn out; but two days later when I went to Slettin, an even longer journey, I had the automatic pilot, and when I stepped out of the machine I felt as fresh as though I had just bombed the Channel ports. It is an amazing invention, and quite the perfect robot."

"Once we are in the air we can set our course," snap George in, and he will do the rest. He will fly accurately through cloud and through electric and snow storms, and if we want to turn or make a slow climb, or a shallow dive, all we have to do is to touch a switch. On a long trip I keep George busy for several hours."

Not long ago a captain gave orders to "bale out" and after the others had jumped he turned the machine towards the sea in a very slow dive, put "George" in control, and then walked to the rear of the aircraft and jumped. Had there been no "George" he would have had to jump from the front and run the risk of being hit by the tail plane. As it was not only were the entire crew saved but there was no danger of the machine landing on houses or streets and causing casualties.

OFFICER SHOT AT BILLET

"Possibly he was nervy, sprang out of bed and went with his rifle with the idea of repelling an attack," said the East Sussex coroner of Lieutenant Graham Beaumont - Edmonds, twenty-three whose body was found in the porch at his billet.

A Service rifle was by his side. An armourer-sergeant said possibly the rifle was discharged by falling on to a hard surface.

Police said that because of the position of the wound they thought it would have been difficult for Lieutenant Edmonds to have fired the rifle.

Verdict: Death by misadventure. Lieutenant Beaumont - Edmonds's parents live in Thrall Road, Streatham, London, S.W.

GEE, THAT'S TOUGH

They're tough down Yarmouth way—but not so tough as some of the pork the Ministry of Food expects them to eat.

This is what happened when one butcher tried to make sausages of the meat supplied to him:

The blades of a 1 h.p. electric mincer smashed.

Two cogs in a more powerful machine broke.

The knife became so hot that the meat turned black.

The fat could only be cut with a chopper.

"This must have been a twenty-year-old boar," said Mr. A. Shuckford, the butcher.

"The meat is being sent to Lord Woolton—with a book of words!"

FRENCH HARBOURS BLOWN TO BITS

The "Stockholm Nyheter" publishes letters from France, one of which declares that British attacks on French harbours have blown these harbours to bits.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

ANOTHER HEAVY AIR RAID on Tripoli is a feature of an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday relating continued activity by British, South African and Australian planes in the African theatres of war.

During the night of March 30, our bombers heavily attacked enemy merchantships and docks at Tripoli.

Enemy aerodromes and concentrations of transport in Tripoli were bombed and machine-gunned and damage inflicted on dispersed aircraft and vehicles.

Enemy bombers which tried to raid Ledeabya on Monday were intercepted by Australian fighters. One Messerschmitt was shot down and a number of Breda 20s (Italian dive-bombers) were damaged. Our bombers on Monday made heavy attacks on enemy positions north of Teccusan and on the railway station at Asmar, causing several fires.

Dessie Raid

In the Dessie-Assab area large numbers of motor transport vehicles were damaged by bombs and machine-gun attacks, and a depot at Tandeho and a petrol dump north-east of Dessie were also bombed.

South African aircraft bombed troops' quarters and started fires among military buildings in villages in southern Abyssinia.

In Albania on Monday a successful raid was made on troops and motor transport moving on the Buzi-Glave road. Direct hits were observed on the road and on enemy vehicles. From all the above operations all British aircraft returned safely with one exception.—Reuter.

AXIS SHIPS SET ON FIRE

The German steamer Eisenach (4,177 tons) and the Italian vessel Fella (6,042 tons) were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas yesterday.

The crews were arrested and are now in gaol at San Jose, Costa Rica, awaiting trial.—Reuter.

THOUSAND KILLED ON CLYDESIDE

Altogether 1,100 were killed in the German air raids of March 13 and 14 on the Clydeside area and 1,000 seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNS PURSUER

The following brief report of a bomber pilot covers a dramatic incident during a raid on Germany:

"After taking off made three attempts over North Sea to climb above bank of cumulo-nimbus towering to 15,000 feet before eventually climbing through it.

"Five minutes before reaching the target saw three fires south of docks through gap in cloud. At 0615 hours from 14,000 feet in temperature of minus 28 degrees released bombs, and as aircraft circled over target area the crew saw the bursts of own high-explosives and incendiaries.

"Left target area as dawn was beginning to break. Rear gunner saw silhouette of enemy aircraft on horizon. Enemy approached to within 500 yards, and was identified as single-engine aircraft, possibly Me. 109. Bright searchlight then opened up through flaky cloud below us. Enemy aircraft now 300 yards and 200 feet below. Air gunner shouted through intercomm:

"We're being followed. Keep a straight course, Sir, so I can get a burst."

"Consequently no evasive action was taken. Air gunner fired two bursts of 50 rounds and had the pleasure of seeing enemy aircraft break into cluster of red sparks. Pilot then heard from rear, 'I have got him.'"

"Shortly afterwards observer saw fire on ground in open country."

PUT OUT FIRE BOMB ON 99TH BIRTHDAY

On her ninety-ninth birthday Mrs. Lillian Halle heard an incendiary bomb crash through the roof of her house in Chesterton Road, Ladbroke Grove, London.

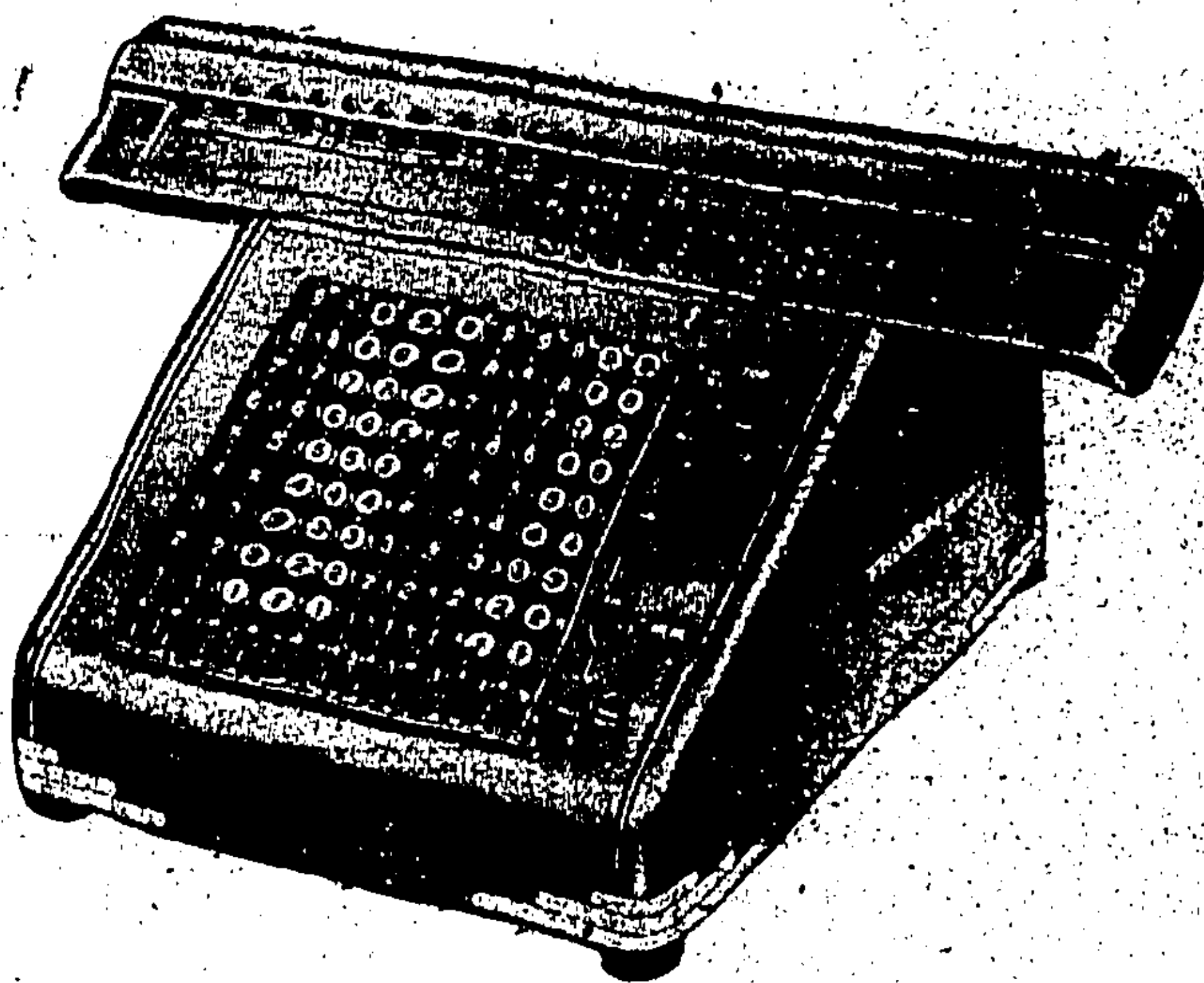
She at once carried sand and water to the top of the house and put out the bomb.

Mr. R. C. D. Jenkins, Mayor of Kensington, is recommending her for a civilian bravery award.

A neighbour said: "Not until she had effectively dealt with the fire did Mrs. Halle call for help."

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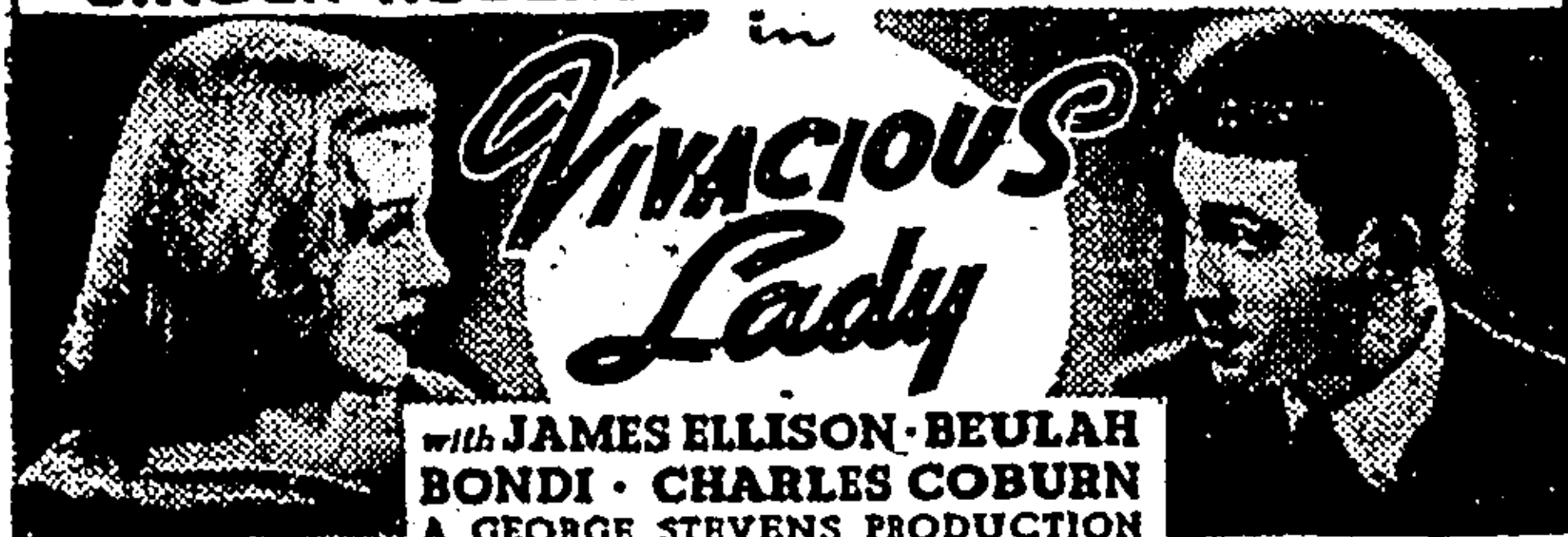
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TALKS ON BLOCKADE ISSUES

Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American official representatives on certain aspects of Britain's blockade policy, states Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on blockade.

Interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodships "for starving France" is to be found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were taken into Gibraltar. One contained nothing but bananas, while the other, in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

It these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

Nazi Shortages

Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be eating into her stocks of oil, despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies if heavy attacks on her refineries continue, if the Navy retains controls of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land.—Reuter.

FAITH IN AXIS SHAKEN

The Stockholm newspaper "Kuriren" emphasises the embarrassment of Mr. Matsuo's presence in Berlin and considers that the Yugoslav coup has shaken faith in the great internal strength of the Axis Pact.

The whole world has seen that there are parts of the proud building which are very rickety.

Yugoslavia's firm behaviour is a message to all peoples still free not to sell their freedom or honour.

The paper refers to the history of Yugoslav problems and conflicts, considering the root of the Yugoslav coup to be found in the same old refusal of Berbig to surrender to a great power.

Britain is fighting for her life but also for a world in which small states will have a possibility of living.

The Gothenburg "Posten" says: That events in Belgrade are a great and unexpected success for England is obvious.

It is certainly said in a telegram from Belgrade that "the change in government is purely an internal and not an external affair," but this interpretation should not gain credence anywhere.

It was the signing of the Axis Pact and its consequences which produced the explosion in Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia will resist if attacked and by its military resources and position has great possibilities of causing the enemy great damage.

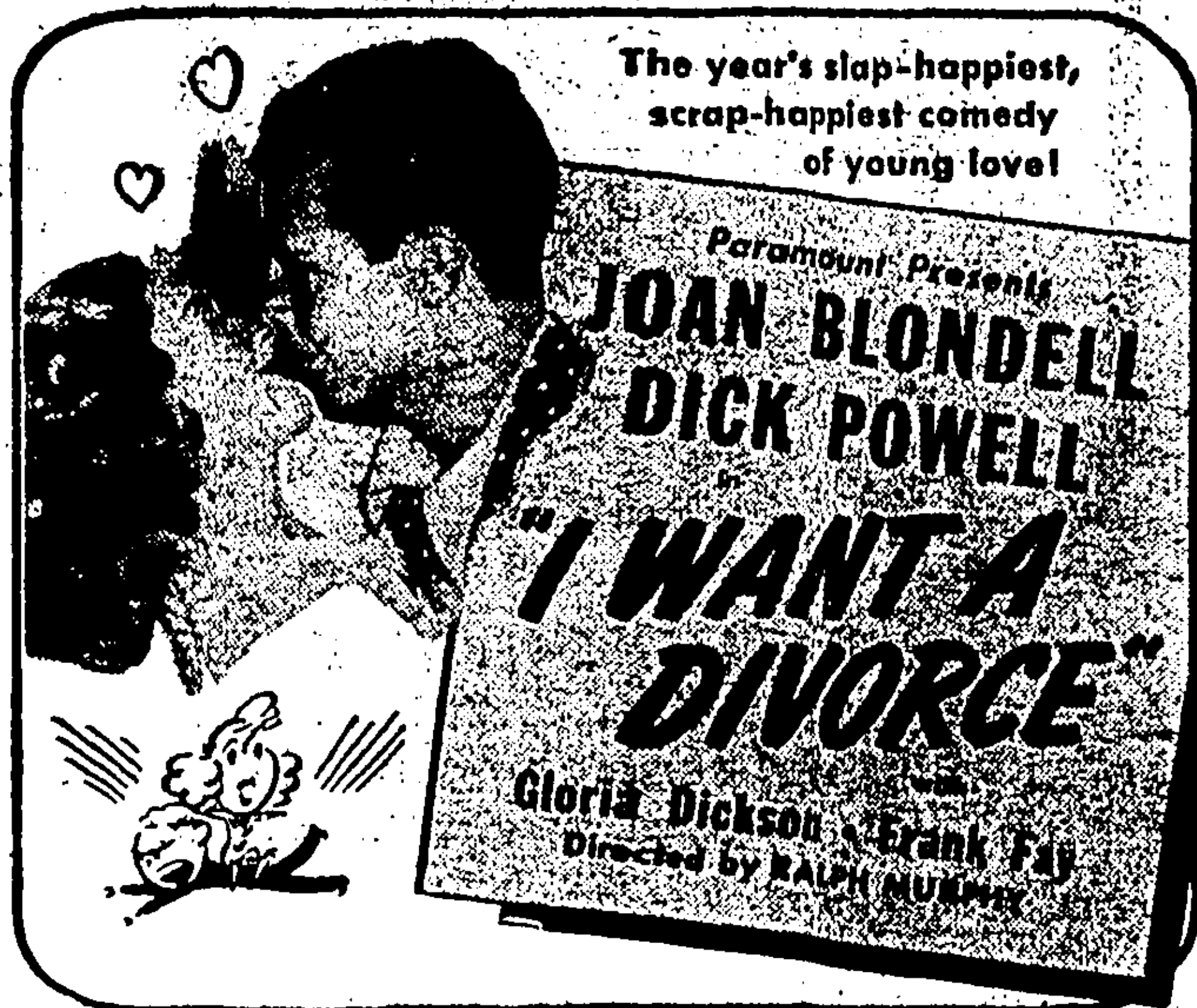
The Serbs find it hard to see a friend in an Austrian or German and an enemy in an Englishman, Frenchman or Russian.—Reuter.

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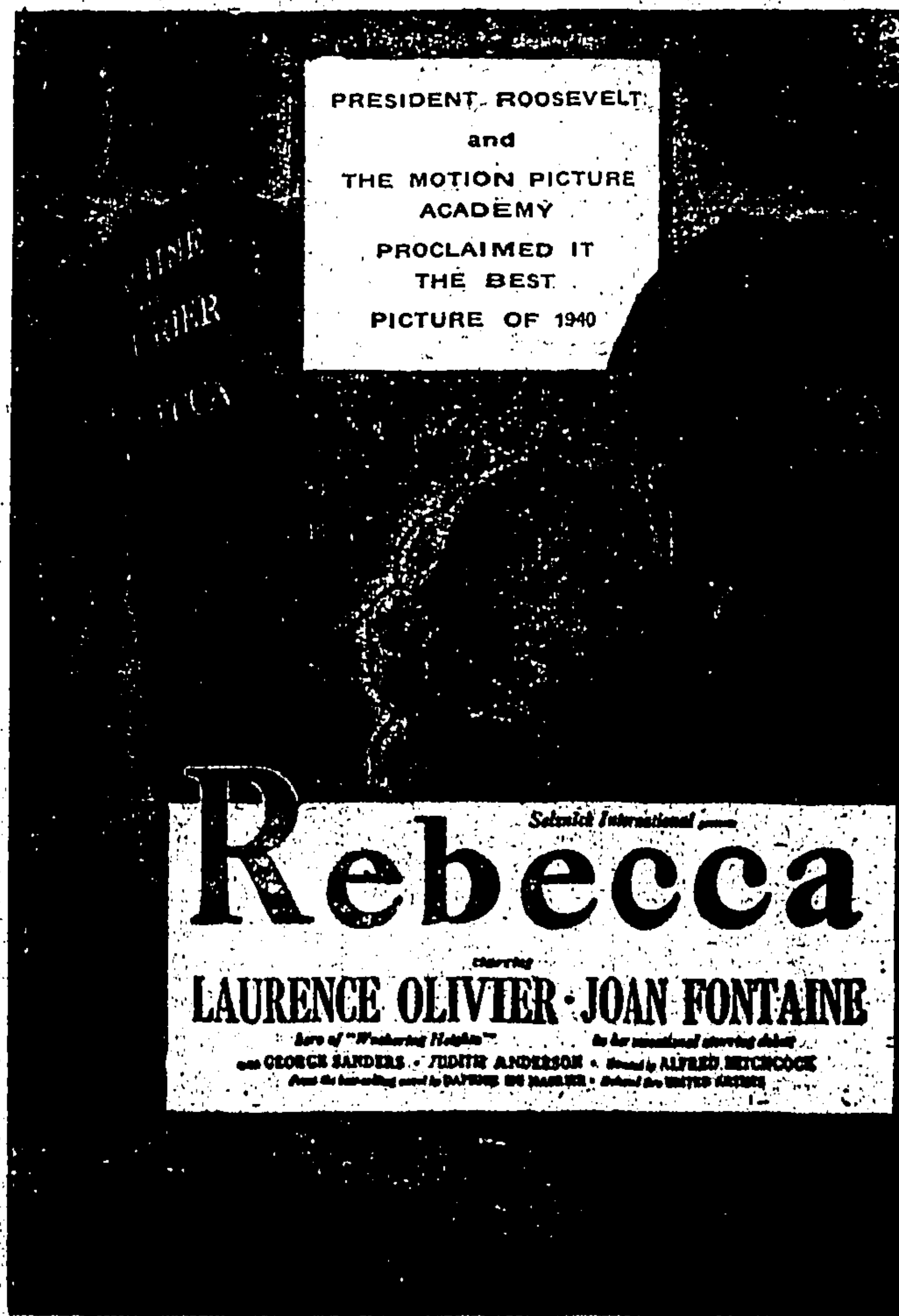
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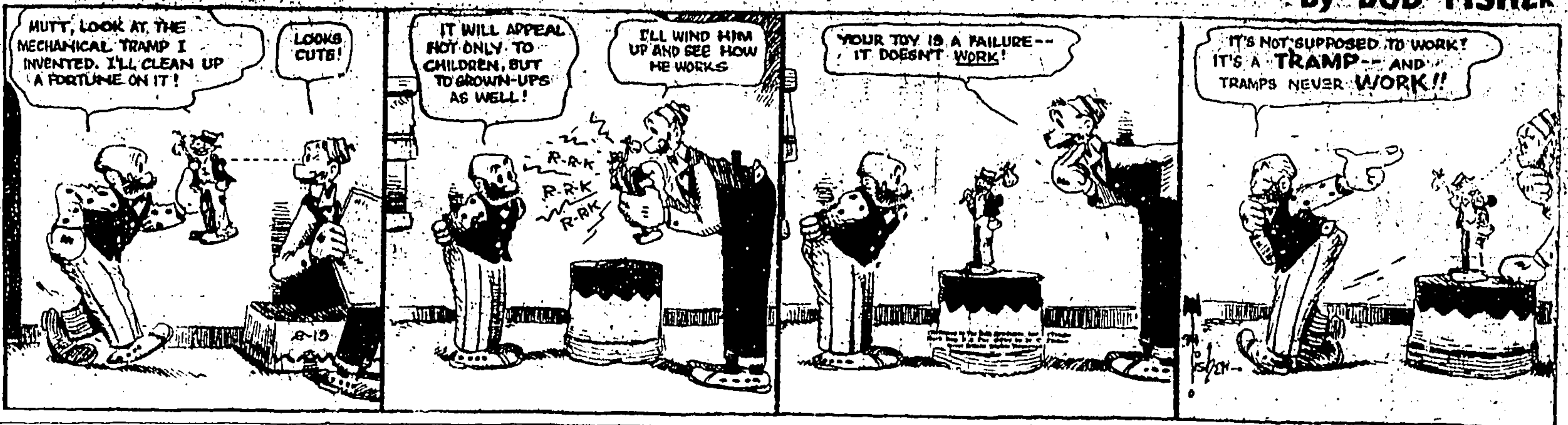
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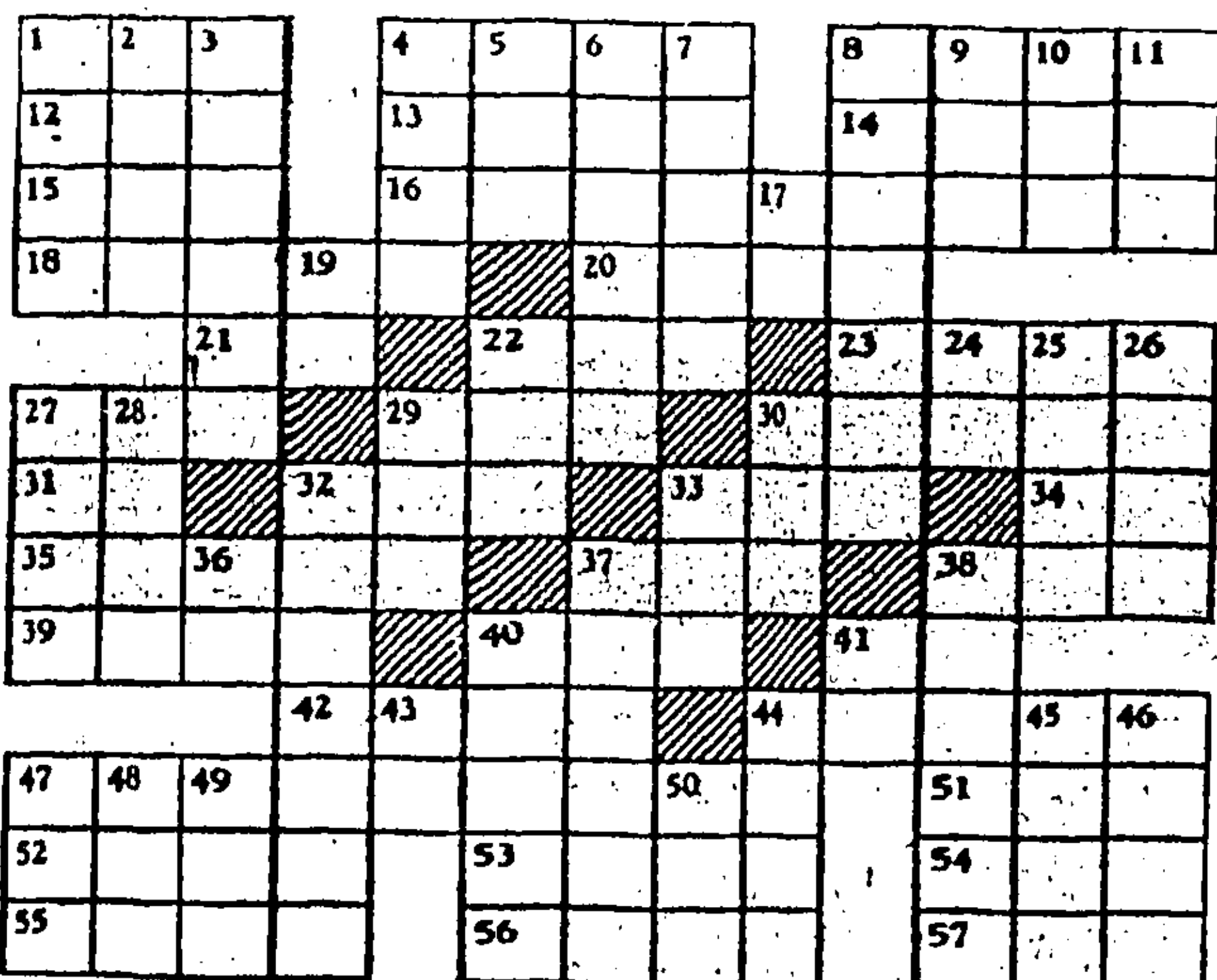
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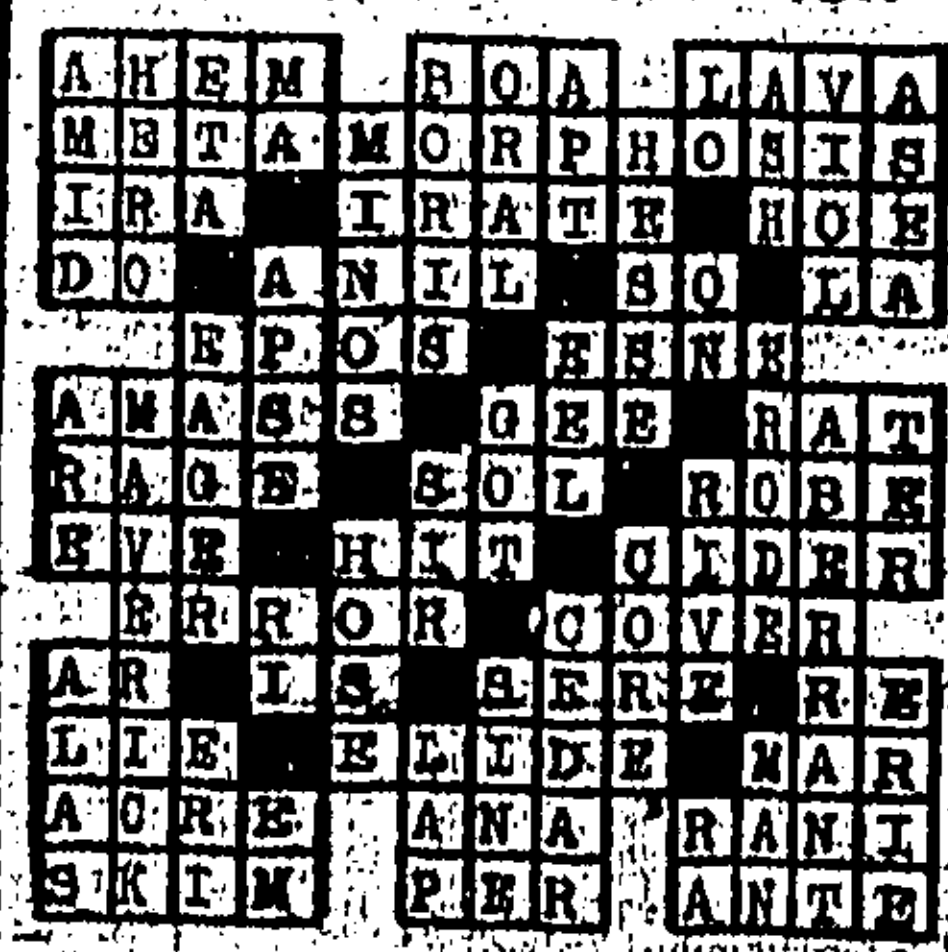
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- 35 Enclosing structure
- 37 Rodent
- 38 Tavern
- 39 To burn
- 40 To cut
- 41 Upon
- 42 Image

VERTICAL

- 1 Animal skin
- 2 Imitator
- 3 To amuse
- 4 Charts
- 5 Malt beverage
- 6 Without feeling
- 7 Item of property
- 8 Pertaining to the sense of touch
- 9 Ostrich-like bird
- 10 Illumined
- 11 Fruit drink
- 17 Printer's measure
- 19 Thus
- 22 Cry of triumph
- 24 Negative
- 25 Exact likeness
- 26 Siberian river
- 27 Dolls
- 28 To the sheltered side
- 29 To understand
- 30 Bed
- 32 Economises
- 33 Uncooked
- 36 Symbol for sodium
- 37 To tell
- 38 To lay siege to
- 40 To reverse
- 41 Periodic windstorm
- 43 Roman gods
- 44 Party
- 45 Great Lake
- 46 Frog genus
- 47 Completely
- 48 Insect
- 49 Cereal grass
- 50 Poetic - it is

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A POINT OF VIEW

Any attempt to sum up the average flying man, the average crew of a bomber, in a single imaginary portrait would be wholly misleading. But this does not mean that the man who does a special job will not have, or acquire, certain habits of mind which fit him for the job. If a possible character for a rear gunner had to be imagined, "Tail End Charlie" might be appropriate.

Tail End Charlie, in his hutch at the end of a bomber, sits alone and looks backward all the time; it is perhaps for this reason that he is something of a philosopher. It is true that his meditation may be interrupted at any moment.

He looks down on "a little dark cloud drifting quietly and spilling rain into the sea," he sees a rainbow far below him, but it will never be known what reflection this inversion of the natural order of things might have prompted. Just as he was about to draw his captain's attention to the sight, using his telephone to speak to the other end of the bomber, he had to signal a more urgent message; a doubtful aeroplane was coming straight at him, dark against the sun.

But these interruptions, though Tail End Charlie must always be on the watch for them, are sufficiently rare; for the most part a quiet stoicism is required of him. However little is happening at any given moment it is a point of honour that he should remain, cramped and often cold, in his little glass turret.

These long hours of lonely meditation have perhaps quickened his perceptions; when something does happen he is keenly aware of every detail. When a searchlight catches the bomber he feels "like a nervous actor spotlighted before a great audience—and a hostile audience at that." And if an answer is wanted to the question which so many people must have asked—what does it feel like to make a parachute jump?—Tail End Charlie is the man to give it.

He is, of course, a man of action, but well able both to think and to communicate his thoughts; he is strong but by no means silent. His job gives him a certain detachment. Looking backwards he must feel a little out of it when he hears, at the other end of the intercommunication system, the rest of the crew talking about the landmarks for which they are searching or the target they have just recognised.

When the work is done and the bomber turns for home he will observe the last results of the raid and comment on those fires which he can still see when he is 30, 50, or 100 miles on the way back to his base.

His may sometimes be the final judgment, and it is appropriate that this should be made by one accustomed to take a detached view of the whole night's work.

But his rare moments of violent action demand exceptional powers of decision and initiative; all the more exceptional because such moments are so infrequent, and the rear gunner must so suddenly rouse himself from his patient contemplation.

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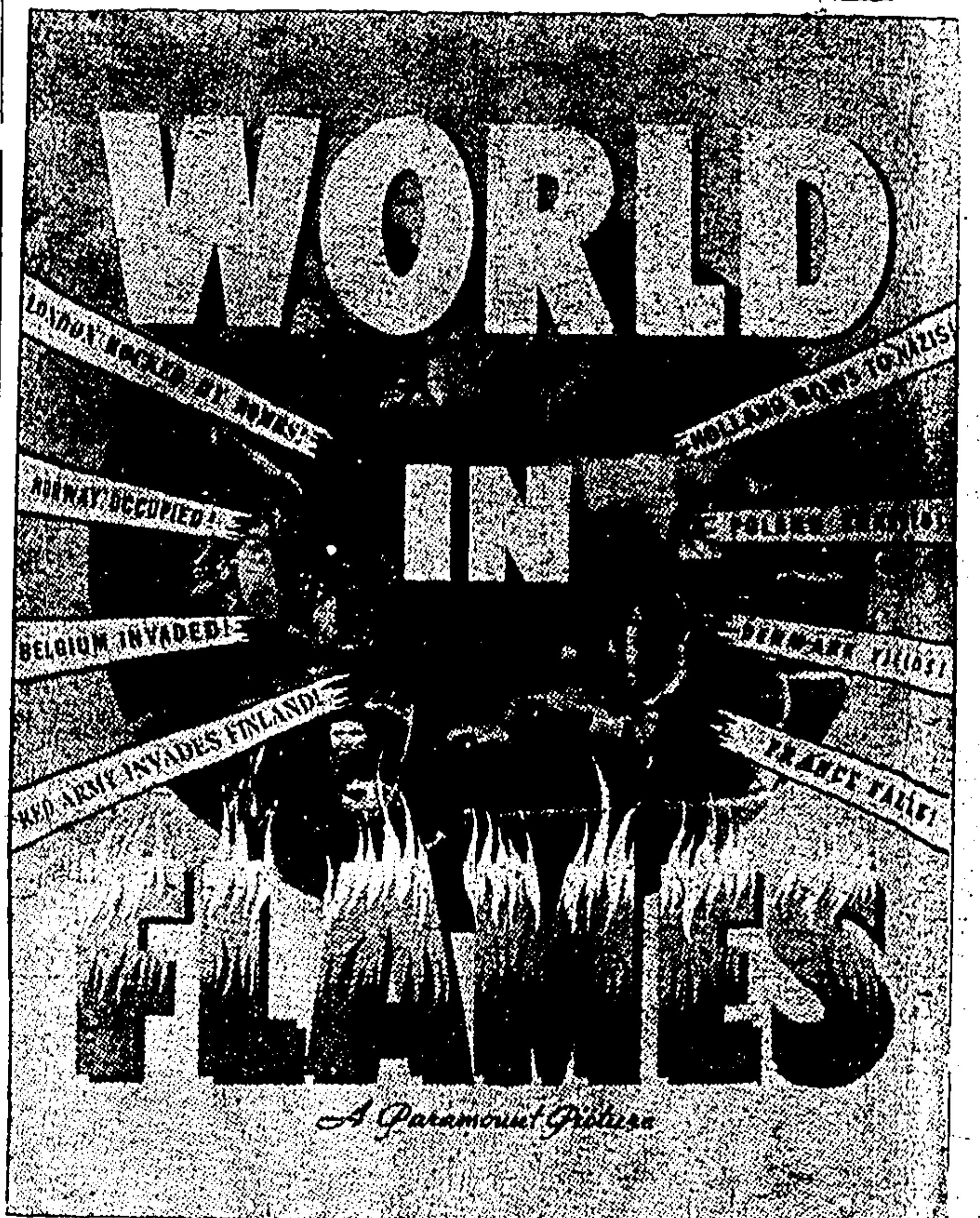
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LINDBERGH & HIS VIEWS ON THE WAR

THE THING to remember about Charles A. Lindbergh's prediction of the course of the war is that Lindbergh speaks for the group of American airmen, in the Army and out, who bet their professional reputations on Germany even before the war started.

Last summer, after the fall of France, when these men confidently prophesied total German victory in a few days or weeks, they actually convinced the military intelligence section of the War Department. Through the military intelligence, they even half convinced the President himself.

They were grossly in error then. As their professional pride is deeply involved, there is every reason to suspect they are equally in error now. Possibly they may be right, for in these grim times there is no such thing as certainty on the earth. But to any thinking man the plans and expectations of the British high command, who are directing the fighting in this war, are both more interesting and more impressive.

Briefly, the story the British have told the President and other American high officials is as follows: Although they know that a very terrible time is immediately ahead, they expect to get through the spring and summer battered but essentially intact. Then, after a winter of intensive preparation in Britain and intensive production of war materials in this country, they plan an offensive on the Continent. Lindbergh flatly says this is impossible, but the British generals are quite as sure that with command of the sea, equality in the air, an army of 4,000,000 and superiority in morale and resources, they can begin rolling the Germans back from the coasts of Europe. Their only doubt is whether America's intensive output of raw materials will begin in time.

Type Of Expert

Because of Col. Lindbergh's denunciation of the lend-lease bill, it is worth inquiring more closely into his credentials and the credentials of the group he represents.

Roughly speaking, they are men passionately interested in aviation, in whom Germany's early emphasis on the importance of air strength produced a natural professional deformation. Officers of the air corps, reading the reports of the German air programme; American air manufacturers, visiting German air plants before the war; air technicians, hearing of German advances—all were inevitably inclined to assume that Germany could not help but win. In the army they heard the same assumption from certain officers who had been tickled in all their professionally sensitive spots by the total militarisation of the German nation. Although many of these men were acquainted, they did not act together. They merely formed a powerful body of opinion of which Lindbergh was the prime spokesman.

Until the fall of France, theirs was a minority opinion. The French collapse was their professional triumph. For a time most other sects of military thought surrendered to them. Toward the end of July, the military intelligence went so far as to submit to the President a memorandum positively forecasting that within ten days to two weeks after the beginning of an all-out German attack, the British air force would either be driven from the air or forced to seek refuge in Scottish bases.

Failed To Materialise

Fortunately for the world, this forecast did not materialise. When it failed to do so, successive explanations and new forecasts were firmly trotted out.

Any one who followed American military opinion last summer will remember how the British were first expected to go under in a couple of weeks because they had lost their channel airports, and then how it was said that pilot

fatigue would finish them soon, and then how their industrial production was supposed to have been stopped dead. But each of these forecasts, in turn, also failed to materialise.

Although all the airmen are completely loyal Americans, and most of them are pro-British in private sympathy, the events of the summer produced in them more than a trace of professional irritation. Some of them took it almost as a personal insult that the British had not substantiated their prophecies. Hardly one of them admitted for an instant that the German strength might have been exaggerated or the British underestimated. And consequently serious friction began to develop between the air corps and the military intelligence, which was again refusing to take air corps dicta at face value. This friction has continued and grown worse until the present.

What The People Want

In his testimony, Lindbergh clearly signified his whole-hearted acceptance of the most extreme German claims. He put German air production at around 5,000 planes a month, although even the United States air corps does not guess it above 3,500, and the latest Army report is that it fell as low as 1,200 in November and December. He omitted Britain from his list of great air powers. He also omitted all mention of the increasing evidence of deficiencies and weaknesses in the German war effort.

Official reports show something very like a German transport breakdown. While crediting Germany with sufficient production of synthetic gasoline and fuel oil, they contain striking evidence of an extremely serious fuel oil shortage. They also indicate the possibility of an explosive shortage, and cast grave doubt on the morale of the German troops. But Lindbergh said nothing of these things.

Certainly it is in the realm of possibility that Britain will go under this summer. Certainly no one should be too optimistic about the plans presented to the President by the British high command. Yet in deciding how to act, the risks attendant on the alternative courses should be carefully weighed. It should be considered, for example, what kind of future United States is implied in Lindbergh's curiously cryptic remarks about air bases in Canada, driving the Germans out of South America and the economic organisation of the hemisphere. If his words mean anything, they mean a future of imperialism and autarchy. Possibly this is what the American people want.

DROVE KINGS: DIES AT 101

Mr. Henry George Drury, M.V.O., who had many times been in charge of royal trains, going to Sandringham, has died at Northwood, Middlesex, aged 101.

More than thirty years ago he retired from the post of superintendent of the line with the L.N.E.R.

Among passengers who had been in his care were Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and King George V.

He joined the old Great Eastern Railway at the age of fifteen as a junior clerk.

AXIS DEMANDS RELEASE OF SEIZED SHIPS

Germany and Italy have demanded the release of the seized Axis ships and their crews, says a Reuters message from Washington.

DROVE FIRST DESERT TANK

Harry Meatherell set his mug of cider on the bar of a Devonshire inn, and gazed wistfully at the picture he held.

"That's her," he said softly. "That's her. She was a beauty before she was knocked about."

A few days before a stranger had been talking to Harry about mechanised warfare in the Western Desert.

"I drove the first tank that ever took part in the desert warfare—in the first battle of Gaza in 1917," said Harry. "Wasn't a success." The stranger looked at Harry and replied:

"I saw you scramble out of that tank. I took a picture of her afterwards, hoping I should meet you some day. The picture is at home. It's yours."

So Harry saw the picture for which he has yearned for twenty-three years. It showed a derelict 45-ton 105 h.p. British tank lying astride Turkish trenches near Gaza.

To-day Harry—white-haired with gold-rimmed spectacles—is a chauffeur. He's in the Home Guard.

When he drops into step alongside his platoon commander Bert Cawsey, jovial landlord of the inn, he can fight the Gaza scrap over again.

For Bert, then an infantry sergeant, went into the attack alongside Harry's tank.

BOMBER PILOT'S NOSEBAG

The increasing distances covered by our bombers raise the question of nourishment for the crews during their long hours of flying. Even our latest and biggest bombers could not provide hot meals straight from the grill, such as are served in Sunderland flying boats during their long daylight reconnaissances. Nor is there need for full meals during the day when on the ground.

What the men chiefly want is something to chew, largely to relieve the monotony of the long flight out and home, when even a whiff of tobacco is out of the question. Some men find solace in chewing gum, but they usually carry some kind of food as well, compact in form and nutritious in quality.

A canvass of air crews at some of our bomber stations reveals that raisins and biscuits are two of the items most commonly stowed away by each man to cheer him during the hours of darkness over enemy territory. Room is also found, as a rule, for a slab of chocolate, particularly acceptable when the temperature falls below freezing point.

The pilot and crew are allowed one shilling and sixpence ahead before each long distance flight for food purchases. This they spend as they wish at their camp. They often buy cake for bulk, apples or oranges as thirst quencher, and glucose as a heat and energy producer to counteract the effects of fatigue. Barley sugar or hotted sweets complete the nosebag.

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STIRRING WORDS

We now have some days' perspective on what Mr. Churchill called "those stirring, august and fateful Presidential words" by which America was pledged to a "total effort" which will be continued and increased "until total victory has been won." If Mr. Roosevelt's speech had been merely Presidential words it would still have been a fine speech. It was more than that. The words have manifestly been accepted as those of the people speaking through the President.

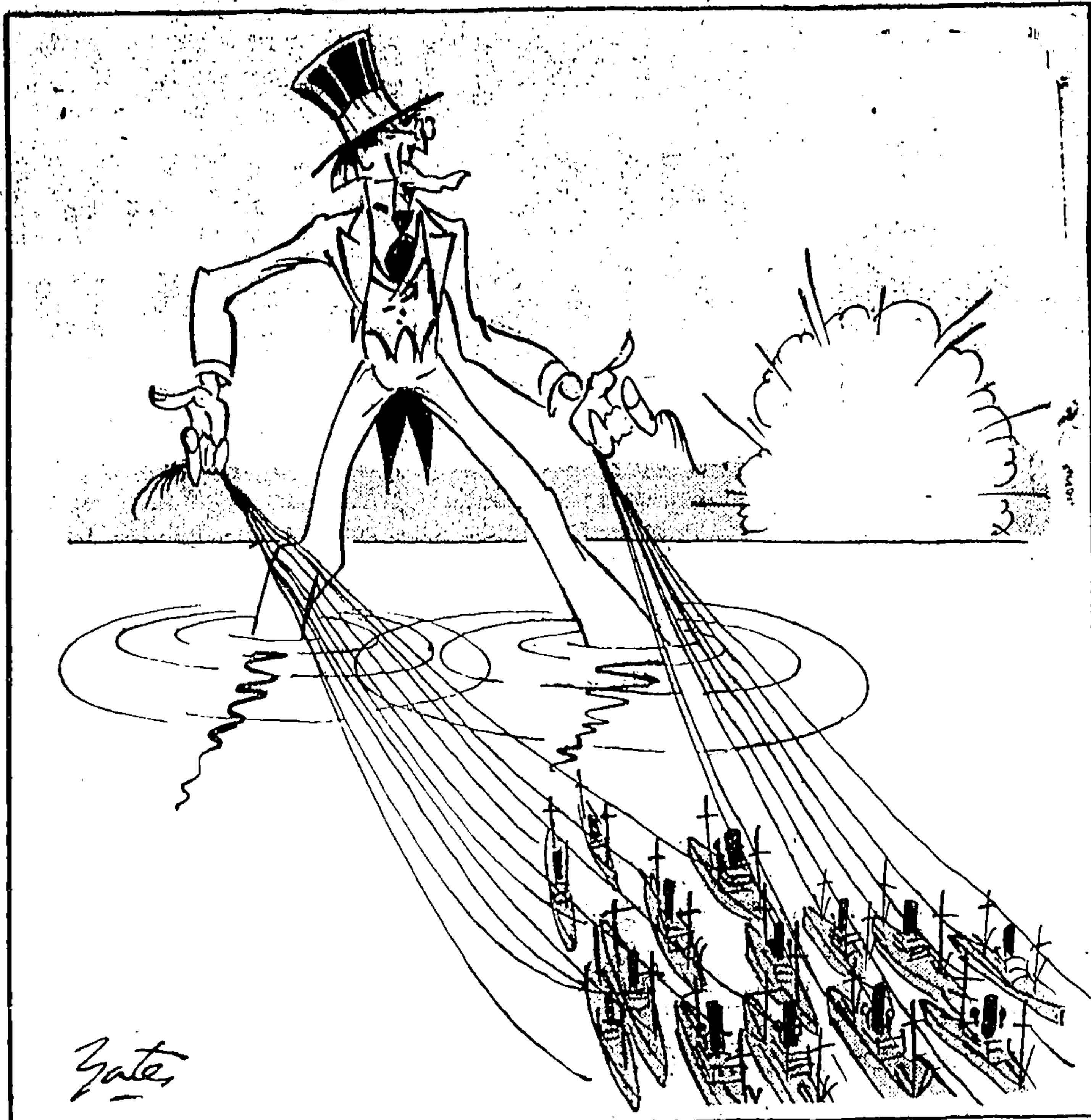
"We, the people of the United States," have been heard the world over. From London the words went out in thirty languages. Swiss newspapers carried the full text over the border into unoccupied France. In Tokyo, twenty-four hours after its delivery, the American message crowded Hitler's Sunday speech—the same old speech—into second place. In Belgrade, blowing hot and cold, four newspapers printed practically all of what President Roosevelt said.

The voice of America was not, and could not be, suppressed, even in Germany, Italy and the occupied countries. Hitler was compelled to allude to it, Gayda had to mention it. There could be few adult Europeans who did not now know that the United States had committed itself to a democratic victory in this war—a commitment overwhelmingly reaffirmed in the House of Representatives by passage of the largest appropriation in history.

When the German Minister in Belgrade conferred with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister the commitment was in both men's minds. It was implicit in the message which Hitler received from President İnönü of Turkey. It enters into the interchanges between Moscow and Belgrade and Moscow and Ankara. We can be sure that it is in the mind of Matsuo.

The defenders of Singapore have heard the news. New confidence came to British troops attacking Keren, to Greeks in front of Tepeleni, to British soldiers on transports going through the Aegean, to R.A.F. fliers over British cities, to British civilians as the air alarms sounded, to sailors in perilous waters.

A Berlin spokesman may indeed say that the value of American intervention is "precisely nil." There was nothing else there.



WHO SAID WE WERE FRIENDS, ANYWAY?

(The "noises off" would seem to be the Axis raging that seizure of Axis ships in American waters will be regarded as an "unfriendly act.")

The Battle Of The Atlantic

By
Max Gissen

If Germany can cut off Britain's sea-borne supplies, it will serve the Nazis better than an invasion. It is certain that Hitler would prefer to starve England into submission and deal with United States aid by sending it to the bottom. But whether this type of campaign can succeed depends on many factors.

In the first place, Britain's shipping problem is much more acute and complicated than it was during the First World War. The Irish bases are neutral, while the Italian, the Japanese and now even the French navies require the attention of destroyers and cruisers that are needed for convoying and patrolling. With its scattered destroyer strength now roughly half of what it was in 1918, Britain's navy has to combat submarines, raiders and fast E-boats whose bases extend from the Arctic to Spain. That is an almost impossible task in itself. But to the problems of convoying and patrolling over a vast area, there must now be added the aid given to submarines by reconnaissance planes and the attacks on shipping by long-range bombers. Submarines, signalled to by spotter planes can take up attack positions with small danger of detection and need not waste time prowling; their effectiveness is thus greatly increased. Against bombers ships distant from British air bases are defenceless except for weak anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. In recent months, losses through bombing are thought to have reached 25 per cent of the total tonnage sunk.

Another Nazi advantage lies in the wide dispersal of the plants which manufacture submarine parts. U-boat making has become

for him to say. It is not precisely nil. It has 130,000,000 people and fabulous resources behind it. It is backed by a manufacturing plant that is just getting into its new stride. It is fired by a determination to see that what America sends to Britain does actually get there.

to a considerable extent an assembly job, which tends to lessen the damage resulting from British bombing raids. The British shipyards, however, are under constant bombardment. Vital repairs and new construction proceed under the greatest difficulties, and the Admiralty admits that sinkings have well outstripped replacements.

It is now possible to explain some of the startling ups and downs on the shipping-loss graph. Clearly, the most important factor in keeping down sinkings has been the destroyers. Until February of 1940, losses averaged more than 40,000 tons a week. As the convoy system was perfected, and as the French and British destroyers began their persistent sub-hunts, losses dropped until, in April, they hit a low of 22,000 tons. Then, in May, came the withdrawal from Dunkirk. Convoying and sub-hunts were forgotten as destroyers, minesweepers and even trawlers were brought into the Channel. Because of this widespread disorganisation, sinking in the following weeks reached a high point for the war. During the last week of June alone they passed 100,000 tons. Then came the reorganisation of the convoy system, and by August losses had declined to 75,000 tons. At this point the Germans began to make full use of the French ports and for a time it seemed that the British navy, now without the services of the French destroyers, must be swamped, as losses again reached 100,000 tons in September.

The British answer to the great string of German bases has developed in the form of brilliantly planned bomber attacks. Inland submarine parts factories have been discovered and are blasted regularly. So are repair facilities, drydocks and assembly plants. Sub must spend three months in port for every two months at sea; and the British Intelligence has been unusually accurate in informing bomber commands of their location. Great German sub

bases like Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, Bremen, Brest and Lorient have been attacked more than fifty times each. In meeting the threat to shipping at its source, the Admiralty has found the most effective complement to the protective destroyer.

The vast undersea and bomber offensive against shipping which the Nazis have promised for spring has aroused fears that United States aid will be largely wasted through sinkings. Neither the Admiralty nor the most pessimistic American naval observers, however, believe that Hitler can launch 600 submarines. Yet, from any standpoint, the British shipping position is already critical, and the recent alarming rise in sinkings is evidence both of Britain's problems in protecting her convoys and Germany's concentration in the winter months on preparing her great offensive.

Great hopes are placed on the effectiveness of American long-range bombers in seeking out submarines, but these have been extremely slow in coming.

More practical, perhaps, are the British corvettes. These may be described as tough little saved-off destroyers which are highly manoeuvrable and relatively cheap to make.

For convoy purposes they can take the place of destroyers and, though not armoured, are expected to be more than a match for subs. They are equipped with depth charges, a powerful anti-submarine gun, the very latest detection devices, and carry a complement of fifty or sixty men.

Canadian yards will deliver seventy in May. If they prove effective, they can and will be turned out in great quantities. But long-range bombers and corvettes are a gamble.

Right now every advantage in the war against shipping lies with the Nazis and there is no valid reason for believing that the advantage can shift to Britain.

The only effective answers are increased tonnage and more destroyers. It has become America's job to provide those answers, since Britain is already doing her utmost. In 1918, under a programme laid down only a few months before, American yards turned out nearly as much new shipping as Britain has lost during this entire war.

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GREECE NEEDS AID TO DRIVE ENEMY OUT

(By Major George Fielding Eliot)

WE DO NOT ENJOY anything like the detailed information on the progress of the Greek-Italian campaign in Albania which is available on the Libyan operations. One reason is probably the extremely broken and segmented nature of the battlefield, and the multiplicity of local objectives, which tend to resolve the fighting into small localised combats and makes it difficult for correspondents to get what they call at Fort Leavenworth "the big picture."

Another reason, from the Anglo-Greek viewpoint, is doubtless a desire to prevent the exact scale of British assistance to Greece becoming known.

It has been pretty plain for some time that Greece would need increased aid in order to bring about a successful conclusion to the campaign and such a conclusion could hardly be less than the ejection of the Italians from Albania. While Italy retains a foothold there, Greek security will always be menaced. If Italy can be ejected from Albania now, the possibility of Italian return to that country may be far distant indeed.

But the Greeks began the war with no more than thirteen divisions all told, including one from Crete and one from the Aegean Islands, and while there exist on paper certain reserve formations, it is doubtful whether there exists modern equipment, especially artillery, sufficient to mobilise any number of reserve divisions. Even supposing that the defence of Crete is entirely assumed by Britain, and that of Salonica and the Aegean Islands is entirely left to Greek reserves, thirteen divisions are none too strong a force to carry out so ambitious a project as clearing out the Italians from the mountainous terrain of Albania. Beginning probably with ten divisions, the Italians now have at least eighteen divisions in Albania, which is about all they can maintain there because of the nature of their lines of communications and the constant air and naval threat to their ports of embarkation and disembarkation.

Four Main Lines Of Advance

The Greeks are using four main lines of advance, to which they are limited by the configuration of the country. On the right, they are pushing from Pogradetz toward Elbasan, the most important road junction of central Albania. On the right centre, they have taken Klissura and are advancing on Berat. On the left centre, they are pushing past Tepelini toward Valona. On the left, they are moving north up the coastal road from Khimara toward Valona. The port of Valona itself has been so often attacked by air and sea as to make its value to the Italians decidedly doubtful; probably a great part of their reinforcements and supplies are coming in through Durazzo, farther north, but it is likewise clear that Italian air and naval action is sufficiently vigorous to prevent the continuous naval support to the Greek coastal column which Gen. Wavell's troops have enjoyed in Libya.

That the Italian resistance has, with the arrival of reinforcements, grown much stiffer, there can be no question. A virtual stalemate existed for about a month, due not only to the Italian reinforcements, but to bad weather, to lengthening Greek communications and want of transport, and to the fact that the Greeks simply did not have enough available troops and especially aeroplanes to smash out through the tremendous difficult country ahead of them.

Significant

The Italian-German air attack on a British convoy "bringing material aid to Greece" is significant; very likely a good part of this aid was in the form of planes, fuel, bombs and motor transport. The farther an army advances, the more transport it needs to maintain its line of communications unless an advanced base which can be reached by rail or sea transport can be established. In this case, it is hardly possible

to build a railway through the mountains, at least not in the time available; while sea transport cannot be depended on save in so far as Porto Edda can be used by the Greeks; even then a considerable road haul is necessary. Trucks must, then be one of the great needs of the Greeks; a fact which is attested by correspondents' stories of the remarkable collection of vehicles of every imaginable type now being employed on the Greek lines of communications.

Stalemate Broken At Klissura

The stalemate has been broken, however, by the fall of Klissura and the subsequent local successes of the Greeks on all four fronts. The significance of Klissura's capture was underlined by the retirement almost immediately thereafter of the Italian commander in chief in Albania, Gen. Soddu, whose task the chief of staff of the army, Gen. Cavallero, has seen fit (or been ordered) to take over in person.

Progress by the Greek right centre column from Klissura toward Berat threatens the right flank and rear of the Italians defending Elbasan; in conjunction with the coastal column, it also threatens completely to isolate the Italians in the left centre sector (that of Tepelini). Additional transport would now give greater radius of action to the Greeks, and perhaps, with a little more help in the air, enable them to push on to Berat and Valona. If this occurs, it is difficult to see how Elbasan can be held, and the Italians may be compelled to evacuate all southern Albania and retire to lines of defence along the east-west valley of the Skumbi River. But here they would be dependent solely on the port of Durazzo, with a trickle of additional supplies coming by the northern port of San Giovanni de Medusa. The concentration of the Anglo-Greek air attacks on Durazzo, which would follow, might imperil the whole Italian forces remaining in Albania. In other words, if the Greeks can now find the extra "push" needed to put them into Valona and Berat, they will have come close indeed to accomplishing their major object—the expulsion of the Italians from Albania altogether.

German Air Support?

But they have not as yet gotten into either place; nor is it as yet certain that the Germans will not, at the last minute, decide to intervene with at least a strong air reinforcement to prevent so heavy a defeat being inflicted on their allies.

German fighters and anti-aircraft could do a good deal to help protect the vital seaports, and to make more risky the Anglo-Greek naval operations in the Strait of Otranto. Just how much this can or will be offset by a like British contribution to the Greek cause remains to be seen. The progress of the Libyan campaign will doubtless directly affect the amount of aid that Britain can spare for Greece; perhaps some of the captured Italian motor transport has already found its way into Greek hands. Certainly a complete clean-up in Libya might well be followed by a considerable increase in the British effort to aid Greece, an effort which might prove decisive. Here again, however, as in other theatres of this war, the time factor is all important.

HEEL CLICK GAVE GERMAN AWAY

A click of the heels and a bow—familiar to film fans as a German "thank you"—has cost an escaped German prisoner his freedom. He was riding on a bus when an astute conductor recognised the tell-tale mannerism.

The German, wearing grey flannels, sports jacket and check cap, and carrying a small travelling case, mounted a bus travelling between Gainsborough and Sheffield.

He asked the conductor for a return ticket to Sheffield and tendered a two shilling piece. When the ticket was handed to him he clicked his heels and bowed.

The conductor, Colin Spittle, of Studfield Hill, Wisewood Estate, Sheffield, had been warned there were German prisoners at large.

He felt at once that the man was a foreigner but he did not betray his suspicions.

He went on taking fares, and at the next stop confided in the driver, who pulled up as soon as he came across two policemen. Mr. Spittle jumped out and informed the policemen and the German was arrested.

Later Mr. Spittle received a congratulatory letter from the corporation.

"I knew the heel click and the bow were 'Thank you' in German. I've seen it on the pictures," he said.

"Anyway, I reckon Jerry will be back safe in his four walls by now. That'll keep him out of mischief for a bit."

NEW MASKS FOR SICK

A new type of gas mask, identical with babies' helmets, is being issued by the Ministry of Home Security to sufferers from heart disease, tuberculosis, asthma, lung troubles, severe anaemia and the aged.

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Type B is the helmet respirator operated by bellows in the same way as the babies' helmet.

Large numbers of the new masks are available, and they will be distributed through local A.R.P. headquarters in every part of the country.

It has been found that the present mask is unsuitable for such people without an outlet valve.

The new types of fittings have hoods shaped to go over the shoulders.

FOOD BEATS CABARET IN GERMANY'S CAFES

Daring shows are increasing in Berlin and Munich, home of Nazism, and Vienna, chiefly because Germans have so few things on which to spend their earnings.

But even the best cabaret show gets little notice if there happens to be a little more food than usual in the cafe, says Associated Press.

The most attractive dancer will go without attention if there is an extra portion of roast veal or potatoes to be had.



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BRITAIN CUTS TOLL AT SEA BY USE OF CORVETTES

(By A Naval Correspondent)

THE ATLANTIC outlook is brightening. For a fortnight I have been sailing thousands of miles out there investigating dangers, assessing possibilities for the immediate future and observing changes and developments in Britain's unceasing fight against the German U-boats across the biggest battlefront of all.

British escort forces out there to-day are steadily being strengthened. Ships may still be torpedoed at times, but the chances of convoys to get through are better than they were at the beginning of the Winter. There are several developments that, if even hinted at, would be of vital value to the enemy.

The ships of this particular convoy had their holds stacked with foodstuffs and war supplies and aeroplanes from America. Not a ship was lost throughout the run, but there is a crippled U-boat out there somewhere. A corvette, one of the toughest little warships in the world, did that. I am the first naval correspondent to sail in these new anti-submarine ships, testing their endurance and fighting efficiency in northern blizzards and howling gales and head-on to the Atlantic rollers. These long-funnelled, whale-catcher type of warships are smaller than destroyers and were the answer to Britain's prayer when the Atlantic outlook was blackest, when France had caved in and we had to fight alone.

Advantages

There was no time to build destroyers to beat the new, intensive U-boat warfare. So crisis decisions were taken. To-day you find corvette groups operating alongside destroyers and sloops with convoys. Their advantages are these: They can fight U-boats in the foulest weather and they can be built reasonably quickly. I look forward to the time when from a single slipway one corvette can be put to sea every month. Shipyards in the dominions as well as at home are building them.

A corvette costs only a small fraction of the cost of a destroyer. Numbers count in screening a convoy from U-boats, so the cost of escort craft comes down. The range of these tiny warships is a secret, but they are fitted with the same efficient anti-submarine gear as the crack destroyers, and submarine protection has recently been further improved. While not so fast as destroyers, they are fast enough to pursue U-boats, and that is all the speed they need for the job for which they are being built. They need only fifty men, a third of the ship's company of a destroyer.

"Flat Goldfish"

The corvette is in herself only a tiny target, whether she is being attacked from the air or on or under the sea. I see no reason why Britain should not have 200 or 300 of these anti-submarine warships sooner than most people might think. The corvettes are lively in the seaway. The men who sail in them suffer discomfort in even the slightest swell. When they are battling through Winter gales their broad beams roll with the sickening movement of a fat-goldfish flicking its tail to jerk over on its side when somebody bangs its bowl.

I have sailed more than 25,000 miles in covering the war at sea, mainly in destroyers, but I have never known anything like the roll you get in these corvettes. Corvette men have been hand-picked for their endurance, and when they prove they can take it they say they would not change. They are proud of their task.

They had to be in this trip I made, what with gales, blizzards, squalls and three days of living on hardtack. They certainly earn their money. Outside of submarines there is not a tougher job afloat.

Would Back Them

The commanding officer of the corvette in which I sailed is a Royal Navy commander who likes

being a small-ship man, while his son is in the biggest warship of all, the Hood. The first lieutenant was a luxury-liner officer in peacetime. He was in the Royal Navy Reserve and found himself in the doomed armed merchant cruiser *Patrolus*. He clung to a tiny raft for seven and a half hours before a destroyer picked him up. The navigator has been seven times around the world in tramp ships and he is only 27. The sub-lieutenant is a 21-year-old Baronet.

Down in the mess deck they spin yarns about their adventures earlier in the war. Most of them have been "over the side" and most of them have had their baptism of fire at sea. I would back these corvette men in a fight against any U-boat.

SWAM IN MINEFIELD

An R.A.F. radio operator who baled out of his bomber had to swim a quarter of a mile to shore.

And when he crawled ashore he was told that he had been swimming through a minefield. Twice in a fortnight the same airman, a nineteen-year-old flight-sergeant, had to bale out, and each time he got away safely.

On the first occasion he was nearly at the end of a ten hours' flight to Germany and back. His bomber had almost reached the east coast when the engines cut out. The captain gave the order to jump.

"I soon lost sight of the rest of the crew," said the radio operator. "Down below was a choppy sea, with land a quarter of a mile away. I hit the sea feet first and plunged straight down."

"I went right under the water with the parachute on top of me. Though it must have been only a second or two, it seemed ages before I was able to slip off the harness and come up."

Lost Consciousness

"As I struck out for shore, my heavy flying suit held me back, so that I had to fight for each stroke. The land looked very far away, and never seemed to come any closer."

"Just when I thought I should have to give in, I touched ground and crawled out of the sea. The beach was flat and covered with mud. I slumped down and lost consciousness for about an hour."

"When I recovered I saw a building above a group of small rocks. I made my way through and at once some guards flashed their torches on me."

"I remember wondering what they would make of me, for my flying kit was covered all over with thick mud. Then they told me that I had been swimming through a minefield."

9 SOLDIERS DROWN

Nine soldiers were drowned in a Northern Ireland bay when a collapsible boat was swamped.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest.

A.R.P. AID GAOL BREAK

A prisoner who escaped from Pentonville Gaol, London, got a clear start because a warder was unable to blow his whistle and the prison bell could not be sounded.

The prisoner, Bernard Silver, twenty-three, walked off dressed in white overalls. He was one of a working party busy near warders' cottages in Wheelwright Street, Pentonville.

The men were under the supervision of a warder.

But the warder is forbidden to blow his whistle because the sound may be mistaken for an incendiary bomb warning.

The warder had to return to the prison with rest of the working party before he could give the alarm.

No warning was sounded at the prison. The warning before the war was the ringing of a bell. That would now be taken for an invasion signal.

A strong body of warders and police searched the district.

RULES FOR LIPSTICK

The Storm over the Commandant's Lipstick is to reverberate in the House of Commons.

Captain L. F. Pluge, Conservative M.P. for Rochester, who is a scientist, has put down these questions:

To ask the Secretary of State for War whether in view of the assistance given by the State to the Red Cross organisation, he will state the policy with regard to the use of lipstick by women serving in that organisation.

To ask the Secretary of State for Air and the First Lord of the Admiralty the policy of their departments with regard to the use of lipstick by women attached to the Royal Air Force and Naval Service respectively.

Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Fraser Home, Suffolk County Director of the Red Cross, objected to the use of lipstick.

This led to the resignation of Mrs. Fellowes, Assistant Commandant at a Suffolk Red Cross hospital.

PATIENTS FELL THROUGH WARD FLOOR

When a bomb hit a women's ward at the City Hospital, Plymouth—which, it is now disclosed, was damaged in a recent raid—the ceiling and walls collapsed and the floor gave way, several of the patients falling with the beds to the floor below.

Even so, only one of the thirty patients—a girl—was killed, though a few others were seriously injured.

The City Hospital is owned by the Corporation.

STRING OF ONIONS—£26

A string of onions has realised £26 for Preston's free buffet for members of the Services at Preston railway station.

The onions, given by Mr. R. Whittle, of New Longton, were raffled among members of the Penwortham charity committee at 2d. a time. The winner was a Farington engine driver.

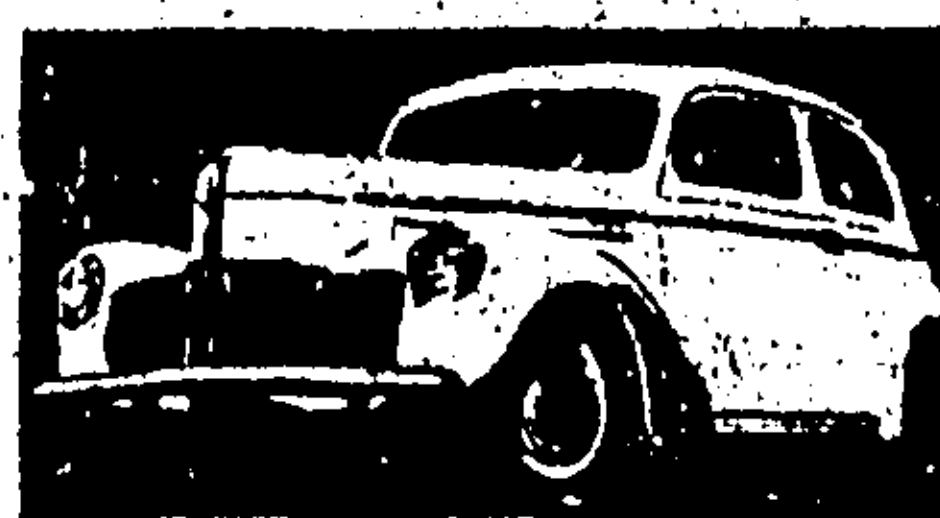
DRUNKS ARE FILMED

Most effective way of fighting against drunken driving in the U.S. is proving to be the taking of motion pictures at the scene of an accident.

A "drunkometer" machine, test for intoxication, shows the correlation between the alcoholic content of the blood stream and that in the breath.

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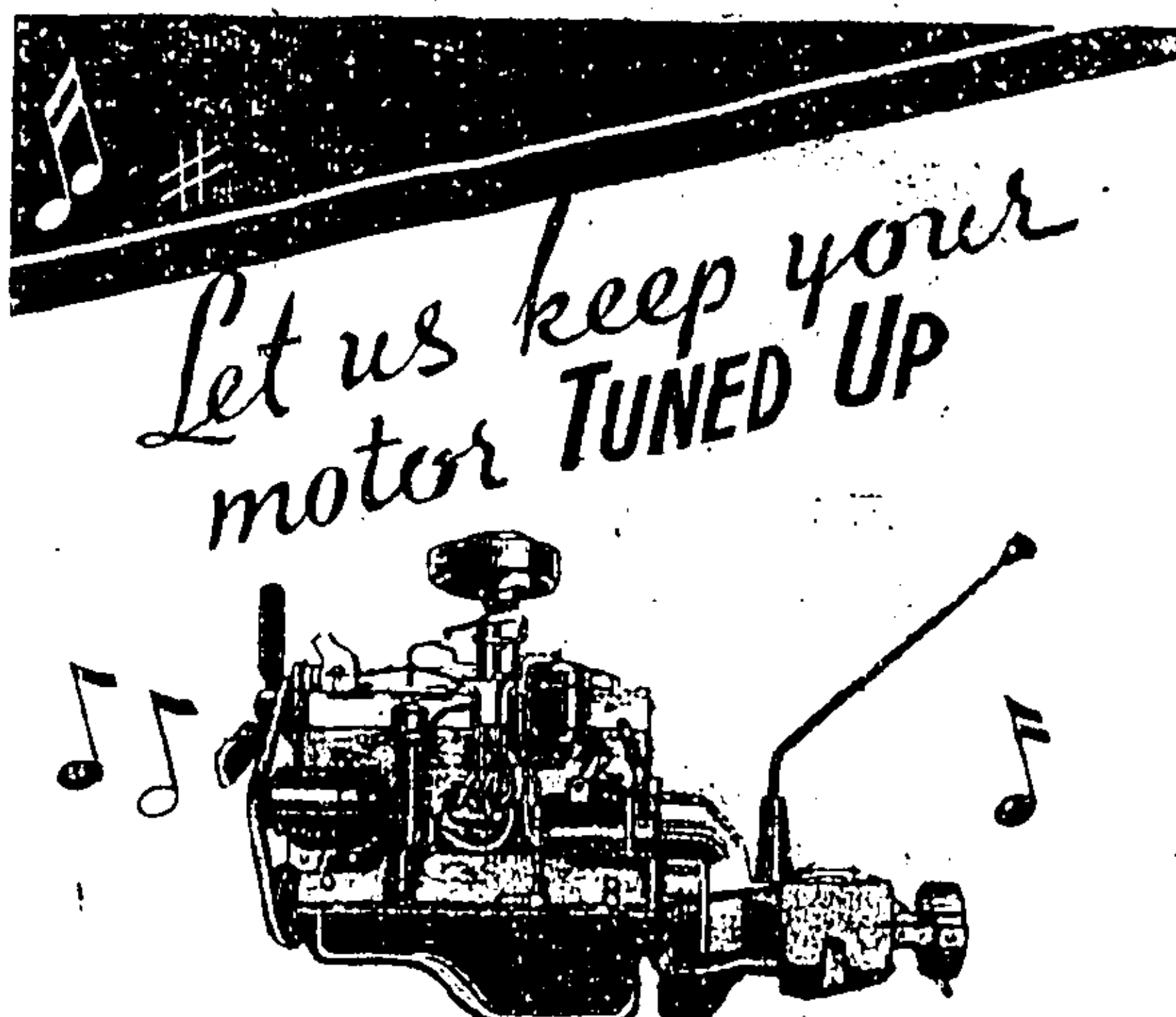
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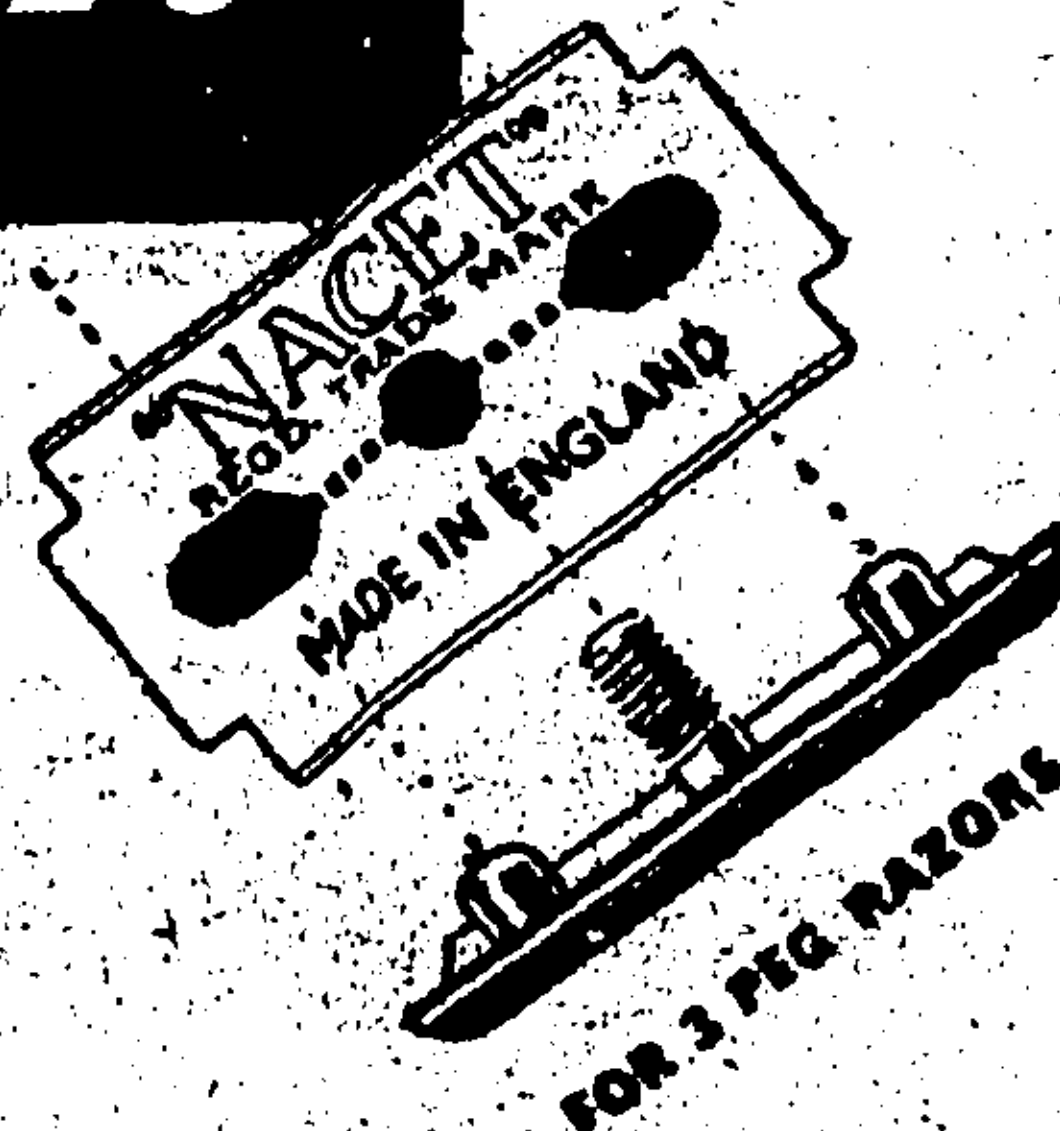


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The Undersigned have received instructions from the liquidators and others to sell by Public Auction on

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers, 24th March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON, Manager, Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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NOTICE

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COOLGARDIE STAKES.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian SUBSCRIPTION Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Coolgardie Stakes (Races Nos. 7 and 11). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

In the event of there being less than 21 Entries for this race, only one section will be run.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th, and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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BRIDGE NOTES

An Accumulation

By The Four Aces

"Please don't mention my name or town," writes a harried reader, "but tell me what went wrong. I'm considered a good player, but North is known as a terrible dub. What should I have done with the South hand."

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 part-score

♠	J 10 7 3	♥	K 8 6 2
♦	K Q J 9 8 4	♣	10 7 3 2
♠	9 5 2	♥	A Q 10 9 5 4 3
♦	A Q 9 8 4	♣	K 5 2
♠	A 6	♥	6
♦	K Q 8 6	♣	10 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

"Four diamonds went for a ride of 1,400 points; and you should have heard what North said about my bidding! My opening bid was unsound, he complained, I should have passed the second round, and I should have bid four spades rather than let him stay in four diamonds. It was a little self-contradictory, but what should I have done?"

The opening bid was sound as a whistle. Many fine players refuse to pass such a hand in any position; certainly any good player would bid it third-hand. The trouble really began with North's bid of three diamonds. He knew there was no fit for spades and that there would be serious trouble if South had no fit for diamonds. He should have passed, knowing that South would rebid if he had a good hand; and if South had a poor hand, the sooner North-South got out of the auction, the better.

But South made a psychological error when he bid three spades. Knowing that North was a dub, he should have feared that North had made an unsound bid and, furthermore, that North might refuse to give up if given another chance. The chances are that three diamonds, undoubted, would have been the final contract; and that would have cost North-South only 400 points. The actual catastrophe was the cumulative effect of one unwise rebid by South and two bad bids by North.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠	7 6 3	♥	K 4 2
♦	K 4 2	♣	K 8 6
♠	A 10 5 2	♥	A 10 5 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Yip	Mater
1♥	1♠	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have much too strong a hand to pass, and no other bid is really satisfactory. You hate to raise freely on only a three-card trump holding, but it's the best bid available.

Score 100% for two hearts, 30% for two clubs, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 680

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	Yip	Mater
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	(?)	

What do you do? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Sitting Saddle says she'd be a wonder at the sport if it was a matter of staying on one's seat instead of one's feet.

INSTITUTE RESULTS

Results received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, received their training at the School of Accountancy & Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passes:

Intermediate Bookkeeping I: Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sig Kee; Yu Foo Lun.

Intermediate Bookkeeping II: Yu Foo Lun; L. T. H. Phelps; Yung Hin Ming.

Intermediate Auditing: — R. G. L. Ng (Honours); N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing.

Intermediate Law I: — L. T. H. Phelps; S. E. Bux.

Intermediate Law II: — N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing; R. G. L. Ng; Yung Hin Ming.

Final Bookkeeping I: — W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Bookkeeping II: — L. M. da Silva (Honours); Lim Lee Seng.

Final Auditing: — Chan Pui Kai.

Final Law I: — W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Law II: — L. M. da Silva

2. The Faculty of Secretaries, England:

Intermediate Bookkeeping: — Cheung Sik Kee (Honours); Lok King Wah.

Elementary Bookkeeping: — Paul Cheng (Honours); Low Wei Ming (Honours); M. T. Trinh; Alice Lo; Yuen Wing Kin; Chan Bak Foo.

Advanced Typewriting: — Lok King Wah; Wong Char Fat.

Elementary Typewriting: — Alice Lo; Wong Yue Lam; Chan Bak Foo.

PLATES TO SPITFIRES

If the Army used smaller dinner plates, the eventual saving would buy a few Spitfires for the R.A.F., say the people in the pottery who make ten-and-a-half inch "corks" for the troops.

When breakages have to be replaced, it seems, someone pulls out of a dusty drawer an invoice dated a hundred years ago and dictates:

"Army, for the use of—Ten thousand dinner plates to the sizes and specifications... Just copy them from the list we used in the Crimean War."

At least that is what the people who make the pottery think.

"The Army is terribly conservative and old-fashioned," said a manufacturer.

NO PETROL - BACK TO HORSES

Horses, which had almost disappeared from life's car-filled streets, are back again now.

The petrol ration has been reduced from two gallons to a quart.

Last autumn horses were cheap. To-day draught horses fetch £70; cobs, £80; van and dray horses, £10.

Farriers are busy — any man who can shape or fit a shoe is sure of a job.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Dry Shampoo Is Handy Aid

Beauties of the past used to sprinkle oris root through their hair and brush and brush and brush, when a wet shampoo was not in order. To-day we are offered excellent powdered, quick-drying mixtures to supplement soap and water washings. One of the newest of these is applied with a powdering mitt to the scalp and hair length, and then partly removed with the clean side of the mitt before a thorough brushing. That's all there is to the shampoo, and it may be used on any natural shade of hair or on dyed hair. You might try it the next time you find it inadvisable to wash your head, or if you are holidaying and haven't the time or opportunity to get a regular shampoo. Convalescents find it most handy.



Sitting before a bathroom mirror you can give yourself a shampoo with the aid of a powder, little mitt and a good brush.

Skin Healing Capsules

We all know that Papaya is a nutritive fruit to eat but few of us ever realised that we would find it concentrated in tiny air-tight capsules to be used for skin beautifying. You youngsters who are passing through the acne stage will find this new papaya lot on a

definite correction, and both men and women may use it as a general skin treatment, for the papain it contains has a tendency to dissolve old or dead tissue resulting in a very gradual skin peeling. In fact these capsules are bottled "bits of beauty" and a ten day

trial usually results in satisfaction. In case you have a specific skin problem let me assure you that this papaya lotion contains no beeswax, paraffin or spermaceti.

Herb Cosmetics For Skin

If you are suffering from chapped skin, or skin that has lost its natural translucence, you might be interested in two herb cosmetics which come from England. One is a cream compounded to help dry skin deficiencies and the other is a lettuce soap which has as a companion a little terry cloth mitt for face washing. After washing your face thoroughly with the lovely soap, the skin is soothed for the night by the cream refresher. Many beauties have used these two aids with delight for years.

ing, gracious manners early. They will help you meet many an emergency during your life. Never cheapen yourself by displaying questionable conduct."

Beauty Rites

Young girls who hope to have success and happiness from life might do well to listen to Hilda Burke, lovely blonde soprano of the Metropolitan Opera who has had to work hard to earn the success and fame she now enjoys.

"I'm not in favour of this 'oh, be yourself,' slogan which many girls adopt. That can easily lead to the 'be by yourself' sorority! There are simple but vital beauty rites which every girl should follow. When those are completed she should study how to enhance her groomed natural beauty. Just 'being natural' is missing exciting opportunities in this day and age," Miss Burke warns, "for female competition is so strong in every walk of life that there is no place at all for the girl who remains unattractive."

Some of Miss Burke's beauty tricks are worth testing, as they are most inexpensive but very efficacious. She uses common table salt, for instance, two or three times a week to brush her teeth, in addition to a favoured dentifrice. She finds salt stimulating and healthy for a rub-down after a warm bath. She mixes raw oatmeal and milk into a paste for a facial masque and applies it after a thorough skin cleansing before relaxing for an hour.

"So many simple beauty treatments are available to the girl with a limited budget," she says, "and the cheapest and best of these is a good bar of soap. Daily bathing has become a national American habit, and no meticulous girl will don underclothes or dresses which are not spic and span."

According to Miss Burke every girl and woman should face herself candidly in a mirror and ask the question—"What is my best feature? My eyes? My mouth? My hair? My teeth?" Whatever it is dramatise that feature. Play it up. Make people remark about its beauty. Less attractive features will be thus dimmed.

This singer also has very decided ideas about colours. She has studied the blonde angle regarding colours diligently. Autumn is the blonde's best season she feels. At

that time she can make the most of deep wings, rich greens and warm browns. For blondes with blue eyes she advocates severe black and dark wine; for blondes with hazel eyes, or brown, vibrant greens and various brown shades are most flattering. For any blonde a medium blue is good—it accentuates the blondness of hair and fairness of skin. It is also most becoming if the skin is suntanned.

Her parting advice is especially for young girls: "Develop charm-



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—London Piano-Accordion Band and Brian Lawrence (Vocal).

Don't Dingle Dangle on the Old Garden Wall (Evans & Others); The Vamp of Havana (Gilbert & Sullivan); London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Water-lilies in the Moonlight (Stolk & Others); Brian Lawrence (Tenor) with the Three Ginx and Rhythm acc. Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Dream Time (Davis & Coats); London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. In The Mission By The Sea (Hill-de Rose); Mine Alone (de Maurcia & Others); Brian Lawrence (Tenor) with Fred Hartley & His Orchestra. They Call Me A Dreamer (Polak); A Little King Without a Crown (Pelosi & Others); London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

Help Me To Fly Over Jordan (Trad. arr. Manning); No Hiding Place (Trad. arr. Manning); Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Soys with Vocal Refrain by Sam Manning & Chorus. Run, Mary, Run (arr. Glon); Nobody Knows De Trouble I Sees (arr. Glon); Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano. Going To Shout All Over God's Heaven (Trad.); Louis Armstrong and The Lyn Murray Quartet with Piano. Guitars, String Bass & Drums acc.

1.17 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Trees (Rasbach).

Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir).

The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams).

Life's Great Sunset (Adams).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Jack Payne and His Band.

Fox-Trots—Rainbow Valley; Let The Curtain Come Down. Quickstep—Berlin or Bust. Sweet Fanny Adams' Daughter. Fox-Trot—Waltz—Don't Ever Cuss Me By. Fox-Trot—When the Poppies Bloom Again. Comedy Fox-Trot—Me and the Moke and Liza. Quickstep—Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—The Sleeping Princess. Introduction—The Fairy Carabosse—The Lilac Fairy—The Six Fairies—Valse—The Rose Adagio—Puss in Boots—The Diamond and Silver Fairies—Mazurka and Apotheosis—Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the Old Country. Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Joseph Szigetti (Violin).

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 4 (Schubert).

Eileen Joyce (Piano), Caprice No. 24 (Variations in A Minor) (Paganini); Joseph Szigetti (Violin) with Piano acc. Romance (Brahms); Au Bord D'une Source (Liszt); Eileen Joyce (Piano), Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin); Joseph Szigetti (Violin) with Piano acc.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Walter Glynn (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

Snow Man (Archer); Round the Roundabout (Poster); New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly); A Dream of Paradise (Gray & Littleton); Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Organ and Male Chorus. Temptation Waltz (Charles Ancliffe); New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott); Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano, Espana (Waldteufel); New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton-Alan Murray); Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano. The Moonbeam Waltz (after Rubinstein's 'Melody in F'); The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Sam Brown.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—'Makers of Medicine' No. 5: 'A Woman Healer Who Never Failed—St. Hildegard'. Talk by Father G. Byrne.

8.50 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

Songs from the Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris).

MARSEILLES LEAK IN BLOCKADE

VERY REVEALING FIGURES REGARDING AXIS ACQUISITIONS OF IMPORTS INTO UNOCCUPIED FRANCE WERE QUOTED BY MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WHEN REPLYING TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Dalton declared that figures, purporting to be official, showed that taking the two months December and January together, about 450 vessels, with cargoes of 500,000 tons, entered Marseilles and about 400 ships with cargoes of 136,000 tons left Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton continued: "A large number of reports from a variety of sources leave no doubt that the Germans take their pick of all incoming cargoes while the Italians are permitted to take smaller picks."

"Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half such imports are taken by the Axis. Many reports give the proportion as high as 80 per cent."

Principal commodities imported, Mr. Dalton said, were groundnuts, grain, fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs, skins, sugar, coffee, cocoa, wool, wines, spirits, oil and pig lead.

Darlan Statements

Asked whether any explanation was given by Admiral Dar-

Arnold: Banjo Song Medley—Intro: Ring de Banjo. A Banjo Song with The Kentucky Banjo Team Soloists: J. Duncan and G. Stearn Scott.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

Follow the Sun Selection. Jack Jackson's Dorchester Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. 'Conversation Piece' (Noel Coward)—Nevermore; I'll Follow My Secret Heart.

Gloria Grafton (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Stop Press'—Selection New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. 'Glamorous Night' (Novello)—Fold Your Wings. Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones with Orch.

Shine Through My Dreams. Trevor Jones (Tenor) with Orch.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The First of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays. Those taking part are: Peggy Chubb, Winnie Cox, Sheila Mackinley, Claude Burgess, Cyril Jones and E. O'Neill Shaw.

10.35 p.m.—Variety.

Comedian—Down in the Valley; Op'helia; Max Miller with Orchestra. Two Pianists—'The Great Ziegfeld'—Fox-Trot Medley. The Keyboarders with Drums. Comedienne—Don't You Ever Fall In Love (Flynn & Egan); Aileen Stanley with Orchestra. Organ—Leslie Stuart Selection. Reginald Foort. Comedian—No. No. No. (Miller); Max Miller with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

lan and Vichy of the fact that they were transferring food from Marseilles and elsewhere to Germany while they were begging Britain for supplies of food, Mr. Dalton replied:

"ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND THEY ALL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES"

To a suggestion that it was time the practice of allowing French ships from the French empire overseas to pass unmolested through the Straits of Gibraltar should cease, Mr. Dalton said a number of interceptions had in fact taken place.

Some Exceptions

Referring to the recent incident Mr. Dalton declared it was not the case that ships were allowed to pass freely through the Straits all the time. Some exceptions had had to be made in recent months.

Later Mr. Dalton was asked if he would reconsider the decision to permit two foodships to pass unmolested to unoccupied France, now that it had been disclosed that the alleged gift of wheat by Germany to Vichy was part of a barter arrangement and that under this arrangement some of the foods which Vichy was to supply to Germany were to be imported through Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton declared that the omission of Vichy to disclose the facts about the barter deal when complaining of the British blockade would not redound to their credit.

Pledge Given

The British Government were in communication with the United States Government regarding the affair.

The British Government did not feel able to withdraw the pledge given the United States regarding these two ships but this did not imply that under present conditions they would be prepared to issue navicerts for the import into France of other supplies.—Reuter.

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When the town council was considering the position at the weekend the Mayor, Alderman Ellis Rooke, said the firemen had been consulted and were adamant in their refusal to work with the objector. The committee's action was approved.

"We are proud of our A.F.S. uniform and we want to preserve the good name of the service," one of the firemen told a reporter.

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STARLIGHT WINS FIRST STEWARDS' CUP EVENT

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Saturday's Race Meeting Reviewed

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND EXTRA race meeting, held on Saturday was well attended and, despite the fact that there were several upsets, racing on the whole was of a high standard.

Conditions were far from ideal, rain falling prior to the fifth race and coming down with a vengeance on the seventh race.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who scored four wins out of the six races in which he took part, including the rare feat of riding the winner in both legs of the "Daily Double".

Honours among owners were somewhat monopolised by the Cire Stable, with three winners out of three entries, no other stable scoring more than a single win. Mr. E. Moller, Sr., also had the satisfaction of winning the first Stewards' Cup ever presented.

Early Upset

The first race on Saturday, the Kongmun Plate, resulted in an upset, when Eve of Grandeur, which had not previously done anything of note, easily accounted for the favourite, Odeon, with Mr. Needa up. Racoteur (Mr. P. P. Botelho) took the lead followed by Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) and Eve of Grandeur (Mr. Davis). Night Express went in front at the Half Mile post but was overhauled by Eve of Grandeur, which then went on to win by two lengths from Odeon, which came up with one of Mr. Needa's spectacular rushes.

Favourites Outclassed

The Fatshan Handicap (First Section), from the 1½-mile post for novice jockeys, provided another upset, Mr. R. K. C. Chui chalking up his first win at the Valley when he brought in Lancashire Lass to beat Jennifer (Mr. Coppin), the third favourite, by three lengths to pay the second best win dividend of the afternoon.

Blue Diamond (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Thirty Six (Mr. W. Yui) carried the bulk of the money, but they were never in the picture at any time during the race. Lancashire Lass was fourth favourite. The third race, the Stewards' Cup for Australian ponies, griffins of this season that had not won \$5,000, was the principal race of the day.

After its record-breaking run in the Oakleigh Plate over the mile at the first extra meeting, Oracle (Mr. Needa) was made firm favourite, but it was unplaced.

Big Dividend

On the rise of the barrier, Starlight (Mr. Wei) shot out in front,



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followed by Oracle and Gloaming (Mr. Poy). On reaching the Winning Post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Nomine Poenac forward to take the lead, which it held until round the Village Bend, when Starlight and Oracle passed it. Oracle, which had been running strongly, failed to overhaul Starlight, which went on to win. Gloaming, Mountain View (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Coloma (Mr. Black) were featured in a great struggle for second place, Coloma eventually beating Mountain View by a neck.

Starlight paid \$66.40, the best dividend of the day. Beautifully handled by Mr. W. H. S. Davis in the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies over the two-mile post, Sapper clipped 2-3/5 seconds off the record, he'd by Strathroy since March 29, 1937.

It was a grand finish, and there is little doubt that had Sapper been extended, the record might have been further lowered.

Necan's United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), unbeaten during the Annual Race Meeting, took the lead followed by Lancashire Chips (Mr. Trevorton) and Sapper. This order was maintained until rounding the bend before the home straight, when Sapper displaced Lancashire Chips in the second position and went after United Express.

Easy Win

Sapper gained the lead on passing the Distance Post, although hotly challenged by Distant View (Mr. Pih), which came up strongly on the outside. The latter pony, however, could not maintain the pace and when Mr. Davis applied pressure to Sapper it came home an easy winner by 2½ lengths.

On leading in Mrs. Grasett's pony, His Excellency Major General Grasett was given a great ovation.

In the Hobart Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double", the public made no mistake in selecting the right pony.

Ridden by Mr. Wei, Vanity Fair jumped out immediately on the rise of the barrier to take the lead, followed by Crissel (Mr. Black) and Many Thanks (Mr. Pih), and went on to win.

Mr. Wei Again

In the Canton Handicap (First Section), Mr. Wei followed up his good work, by scoring a well-deserved win on Velvetlight for his third winning mount of the afternoon, and the second success of the Cire stable.

Eve of Heaven (Mr. P. P. Botelho) took the lead, followed by Johnber (Mr. Chao), World Fair View (Mr. Pih) and Velvetlight, the ultimate winner being satisfied with remaining in the fourth position.

Eve of Heaven ran convincingly as far as the Village Bend, when it shot its bolt to give Johnber, with World Fair View in attendance, the lead, with Velvetlight three lengths behind.

Coming down the straight World Fair View passed, Johnber, but Velvetlight went through, with a great burst of speed to overhaul Johnber and then, World Fair View, going on to win by three-quarters of a length, with Charles (Mr. K. I. Ip) having the better of its stablemate Johnber by a length and a half for third place. White Diamond (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) was found to be lame during the race and the jockey dis-

BADMINTON

FURTHER MATCHES ARRANGED

Further badminton championship matches have been arranged for Friday of this week and Tuesday of next week, and some good encounters should be seen on both occasions.

The programme for Friday, at Club de Recreo, will be:

Junior Singles
P. A. Yyanovich v T. S. Young (8 p.m.)
A. L. Fisher v J. L. Anderson (9.15 p.m.)

Senior Doubles
C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chiu (8.30 p.m.)

Tuesday's Programme

On Tuesday, at Kowloon Cricket Club, the following programme has been arranged:

Junior Singles
N. L. Smith v Yyanovich or Young (7.30 p.m.)

Junior Doubles
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (8 p.m.)

Senior Doubles
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalha v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (8.45 p.m.)
P. Wong and C. Au v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (9.30 p.m.)

Play-Off To-day

The play-off for the sectional championship of "B" Division will be played at Club de Recreo this evening, between Kowloon Cricket Club and St. John's.

mounted about 100 yards from the winning post.

Track Waterlogged

When the seventh race, the Hobart Handicap (Second Section) which was the second leg of the "Daily Double" was scheduled to start, it was raining so heavily that the track was waterlogged, and those who backed Devonian, the favourite, were doomed to disappointment, as the pony, never a mud-lark, ran unplaced.

Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) took the lead, followed by Moonlight (Mr. Wei). The order later was not discernible on account of poor visibility. In the straight, however, Moonlight was seen to overhaul Happy Landings and go on to win comfortably from Happy Returns (Mr. Chao), which finished second. Pumpnickel (Mr. Pih) was third, a neck behind.

For its win Moonlight rewarded each of its 60 "Double" backers with \$187.00 and 688 single backers with \$50.30 each, this being the third best dividend for the afternoon. This was Mr. Wei's fourth winner.

A Surprise

In the eighth race, the Fatshan Handicap (Second Section) for novice jockeys from the 1½-mile post, Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee) was made favourite, but those who backed it had a rude shock, as the pony could only take third place.

From the start Advancing Time (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) set a fast pace, and by the time the half-way mark was reached had a big lead. This pony, however, lacked staying power and was overhauled by Calverton Bay (Mr. Yui) in the straight, with Mushate (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) second and Emergency Unit third. That order was maintained right to the end. This was Mr. Yui's first win at the Valley.

The last race, the Canton Handicap (Second Section) for "B" Class Chinese ponies, saw another favourite fall by the wayside. Humber (Mr. Chao), noted for its ability on a wet track, could only take third place. Ayon (Mr. Black) got off first, followed by Ronson (Mr. Poy),

SERVICE CORPS HELD BY SOUTH CHINA

IN AN EXCITING AND well-contested Second Division football game, South China drew with Service Corps, when they shared two goals at Sookunpo yesterday and as a result Service Corps are now assured of the runners-up position, but can only hope for a play-off with Engineers for the title.

Engineers are now four points in the lead and are to meet South China and Sing Tao.

The fact that South China and Service Corps are meeting in the Final of the Junior shield added to the interest of the game and from the performances of both teams yesterday the Final should be a hard fought game.

Both sides missed several good chances but the Chinese forwards showed better ball control and covered ground faster. They were badly in need of a shooting centre forward as the inside men made many openings, which were spoiled by slowness.

Service Corps' forwards did not function as smoothly as usual, due the hard and fast tackling of Wong Shui-kee and Chan Yu-shing at back and Ho Lok-kee at left half.

Good Halves

Smart and Hammond, Service Corps wing halves, had a trying afternoon against the fast Chinese wingers, while Hamlen played a safe game at back.

For the Chinese, Chin Chi-fai and Chui Wing-keung were a fast left wing combination and were the source of most worry to the Soldiers' defence.

Service Corps started pressing from the start and shortly after were awarded a penalty, but Young sent in a terrific shot which hit the crossbar and rebounded into play. South China forwards could make no impression on the Service Corps' defence. At the other end Glen and Martin failed when well placed. Weir and Lin Tin-kee also had opportunities but missed.

The Scoring

In the second period play was faster and 10 minutes from the end Chin Chi-fai broke through the defence and scored. Service then applied pressure and before the end were awarded when Morgan scored the equaliser.

South China: — Tan Sik-wing; Wong Chui-ki and Chan Sing; Chan Hoe-cheung, Leung Ping-kwan and Ho Lok-kee; Lai Chung-yu, Li Ting-shui, Chung Wing-kui, Chui Wing-keung and Chin Chi-fai.

Service Corps: — Moore; Hamlen and Bradshaw; Smart, Young and Hammond; Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Weir and Martin.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Several postponed League football games will be played this afternoon and the most important is in Second Division where Engineers meet Sing Tao at Sookunpo.

A drawn for Sappers will give them the Second Division title.

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy

(Sookunpo, at 3.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

R.E. v Sing Tao

(Sookunpo, at 5.00 p.m.)

Referee: Foster.

Police v 30th R.A.

(Boundary Road, at 4.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.E. v 24th R.A.

(Military, at 3.00 p.m.)

30th R.A. v R.A.F.

Hughes and Lilliber (Mr. Trevorton). This order was maintained until after passing the Half Mile post, when Ronson took command, only to again be displaced by Ayon, over the last quarter.

Strong Challenge

Coming down the straight Ayon was strongly challenged by Hughes but, despite Mr. Chao's efforts, it could make no impression on Ayon, which went on to win by three lengths from Rose Emily (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), which had the better of Hughes by half a length.

RUMJAHN FOR TITLE: G. CHOA'S PROMISE

By "Adrem"

The challenge expected to the Colony singles champion, S. A. Rumjahn, from Lt. Shields Goodman, of U.S.S. Tulsa, as the result of the promising form shown by the latter in his recent doubles match, did not materialise and Rumjahn won with the greatest of ease, the scores being 6-1, 6-2.

Goodman hit hard all the time, playing the type of game so favoured in the United States — a sacrifice of accuracy for sheer pace. On a hard court these methods might have met with more success but yesterday, on a soft court very susceptible to spin and against a player like Rumjahn, who uses spin a good deal, the story of Goodman's play is one long tale of errors.

He was never able to gain control of his ground strokes, most of his drives landing feet out of court.

Rumjahn was his usual steady self. He played all his shots with accuracy and certainty and refused to be beaten by anything.

It is difficult to judge his form on yesterday's game but it is said at I.R.C. that he is playing better this year than ever and is expected to make a great effort to retain his title.

Choa Impresses

More interesting than the above match, was the encounter between George Choa and hard-hitting T. J. Gould. Gould is a splendid doubles player and is very useful at the singles game, but Choa was never in any difficulty and his fine positioning and wide range of strokes, combined with a powerful service, marks him once again as one of the Colony's most promising youngsters.

There were some interesting rallies, with both men hitting hard, but Gould's faulty footwork made control of direction difficult and he usually lost a rally by just missing the sidelines.

RESULTS

Following were yesterday's tennis results:

OPEN SINGLES

S. A. Rumjahn (holder) beat Shields Goodman 6-1, 6-2.

G. Choa beat T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.

Pong Oi-lam beat Wei Chung 6-1, 6-1.

CLUB HANDICAP

V. R. Gordon beat F. W. Carter 6-3, 6-1.

T. C. Monaghan received a walkover from A. T. Dow.

G. W. Sewell beat H. C. D. Knight 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Doubles

J. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (5).

Club Championship

G. W. Sewell v C. H. R. Oxley (2).

T. J. Gould v M. Pagh (2).

Guest v V. Stirling-Lee (3).

Club Handicap Singles

T. C. Monaghan (5-3/6) v A. T. Dow (3/6) (11) S. E. Lavroy (plus 3/6) v E. R. Childs (plus 1/6) (8).

H. Van Leeuwen (2-3/6) v H. J. Appelman (15-3) (7).

Brilliant Fielding In Sunday's Game

Souza's Brilliant Double-Play

CHINESE BASEBALLERS SURPRISE RECREIO

By "Grandstand"

Massaging the shoots of Indian chucker Kassa Nazarin for 11 safeties in an aggressive display, the League-leading St. Joseph's edged the Indians out of the pennant race by 5-3, before a small Sabbath throng, in a game featured by brilliant fielding on both sides, despite the slippery condition of the ground.

"Fancy" rulings by the umpires on several occasions brought forth storms of protests from both sides and delayed the game more than was necessary.

Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, who went the route for the Saints, yielded five scattered blows, and only passed one Omarman to first, whilst Indian hurler Kassa Nazarin, although walking one, was combed for 11 safeties, four of which were bunched up in the third in a Collegian barrage which netted them three runs.

Blanking the Indians in the first canto, the Saints chalked up their first marker when Hank Ali made second on a wild heave, and scored on Dave "Bambino" Leonard's single to left. Stan "Lowerhouse" Leonard singled to advance Dave to third, but was picked off at the keystone in a bonthead attempt to pilfer second.

Both Sides Blanked

In the next session, both sides were blanked, although the Omarman threatened to score with two on the paths.

In the third, the Indians staged an uprising. Huckjaw Kitchell making first on a doubtful bunt, whilst Kassa Nazarin dumped one which first-sacker Stan Leonard fumbled. Right gardener Cruz' expensive maul of Baby Abbas' long fly, helped by George Souza's wild heave, cleared the bases for an Indian three-run splurge.

In the Collegians home half of the stanza, a shower of base-hits, climaxed by Dave Leonard's two-run single, garnered three tallies for the Saints, who took the lead once more. Two singles, a sacrifice and an Indian miscue paved the way for another Collegian marker to cinch the game. For the remainder of the scuffle, Gonzales pitched shutout ball, retiring the Indians in one, two, three order.

Hussain's Humdinger

Dave Leonard, Hank Ali and Jirdoo Hussain were each good for a brace of safeties, but it was the latter who was the big gun of the day, blasting a humdinger over left-fielder Savage Hussain, but forgetting to take the lead out of his shoes, the power-blow only going for a triple.

Dave Leonard drove in three runs for his team with timely hitting, and was robbed of a perfect batting day, when Savage Hussain made a circus catch to haul down his fly to deep left.

Three twin-killings were completed during the fracas, of which two were made by the Indians, when first-sacker Romeo Hamet snared Stan Leonard's foul fly and tossed out Dave Leonard, who attempted to sneak third, and again when Gonzales and Hussain were snuffed out on a Kitchell-Hamet-Ismael play.

The most brilliant double play of the game, however, was when George Souza scooped up Farzan Ismail's hot grounder, and tossed out Arculli at second, keystone Ozo Ozorio pivoting to Stan Leonard for Ismail to be tagged at first.

Pull Game

Fielding a scratch nine in the day's opener, the Recreio Aces founced the Filipinos 12-5 in a dull game witnessed by only a handful of die-hards.

Nick Beltrao worked on the hill for the Aces, in an initial mound performance, issued four free of five passed balls.

tickets to first, and was charged with one wild pitch, whilst Filipino hurler Dave Amper walked one.

In the initial frame, the Aces only managed a one-run lead, but a cluster of eight markers in the second heat, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Two-baggers were belted in by Nick Beltrao, Caco Marques and Diesta, whilst Marques, Toto Prata and Figueredo all returned a two in three stick performance.

Night-Cap

In the night-cap, the Chinese Baseballers toppled the Aces 6-3 to revive hopes of finishing in First Division. The Liunen had the jump on the Aces by chalking up four runs in the first two frames, holding the Noronhamen to a lone counter.

After the Liunen had pushed two more markers over the saucer, Johnnie Alvares was lifted from the hillock in favour of Gerry Gosano, who did not make an appearance till a late stage of the game.

Chuckling his usual brand of fire-ball, mound Victor Deitham Cray fanned six Noronhamen and walked three, whilst Alvares whiffed four and passed eight Liunen to first. Nick Beltrao returned a perfect 1,000 in his two batting chances, whilst Tony "Peevee" Alves produced the only extra base blow, with a double.

CYCLONE STATISTICS

By "Grandstand"

Having completed their full League schedule, the Cyclone Softball Club statistics reveal some fine individual performances, although the team finished with a "games won" average of only .500.

Centre-fielder Baker topped the batting and slugging figures with .465 and .606 respectively — which is a good figure in anybody's League — the former including two doubles and a homer, whilst keystone Barney Abbas was credited with 10 stolen bases. On the whole however, the team showed batting weakness, the aggregate average being only .231.

In the fielding department, first-sacker Markar Jr., handled the most fielding chances with 116, and came through with a comfortable .922. Third-sacker Sherry Bux assisted in the most putouts, but bungled 15 chances.

Pitching 50 innings in eight starts, hurler Pinoy Bineda won four and lost two, giving away 88 safeties, whilst "Kelly" Silva-Nello won only one of his four games.

Handsnatcher Skelly Razack, who participated in two double-plays, fielded .881, but was guilty of five passed balls.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	11	2	.846
Hong Kong Baseballers	11	3	.786
Indians	10	4	.769
Recreio Aces	7	6	.538
Cyclones	7	7	.500
Chinese Baseballers	6	7	.417
Filipinos	2	11	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	14	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
V.R.C.	10	1	.909
Chung Hwa	9	2	.818
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenapots	0	5	.000

ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Wednesday, April 9, at 5.30 p.m.; when the Interport with Macao will be discussed.

GOOD CONDITIONS FOR RIFLE MEETING

THE ANNUAL HONG KONG Rifle Association prize meeting opened yesterday at Kowloon City Rifle Range with the Rapid Firing and Snap-shooting Competitions, in which over 240 competitors took part, decided.

As is usual on the first day, the shooting was not of a high standard, despite the fact that the competitors had no wind to contend with and the light was very good.

Sergeant Puran Singh, of Hong Kong Police Force, won the Rapid Firing Competition with a score of 21, while Sergeant Griffith, of Royal Marines, carried off honours in the snap-shooting competition with a score of 23.

The first and second runs of several team matches were also shot.

In the Light Automatic Match, the Challenge Cup presented by the former Acting Officer Administering the Government, His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, was won by No. 1 Sect. "D" Company of the 5/7 Rajputana Regt. with a score of 96.

Following are yesterday's results:

Light Automatic Match:—1, No. 1 Section, "D" Coy. 5/7 Rajputana Regt., 96; 2, Drums, H. Q. Coy. 1st Middlesex Regt., 87; 3, No. 7 Section, "D" Coy. Royal Scots, 63; 4, No. 5 Section "C" Coy. Royal Scots, 62.

Snapshooting Competition (Open Prize List):—1, Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 23; 2, L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., Sgt. Cole, R.M., and Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P., 22; 5, Cpl. Henley, R.A.F., 21; 6, C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 20; 7, Sgt. Priddy, 1st Middlesex, 19; 8, L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 18; 9, Sgt. Rushman, R.M., 18; 10, Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 18.

Special Prize List:—2, L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 13; 3, Pte. Belchambers, 1st Middlesex 12 and Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 8; 5, L. A. C. Callaghan, R.A.F., 8; 6, Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 5.

Rapid Firing Competition (Open Prize List):—1, Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 21; 2, L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., 21; 3, Pte. Harris, 1st Middlesex, 20; 4, Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 19; 5, L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19; 6, S. Croft, R.M., 19; 7, Major White, M.C., Royal Scots, 13; 8, C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 18; 9, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex 13; 10, Sepoy Said Ahmed, 67 Rajputana, 18.

Special Prize List:—1, L. A. Callaghan, R.A.F., 14; 2, Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 14; 3, L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex 11; 4, Pte. Belchambers, 1st Middlesex, 10; 5, Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 10.



TIE IN GOLF COMPETITION

The third "South China Morning Post" War Fund Golf Competition, held at Fanling between February 14 and March 31, resulted in Capt. J. Reidy (16) and H. W. Beisley (20) returning cards of two up for a tie, and they will play off.

Surg. Lieut.-Comdr. H. L. Cleave (16) and F. A. M. Elliott (20) had cards of one up. (Beisley had a score of two up on both the Old and new Courses).

The Stableford Competition at Fanling on March 28-29 was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

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STATEMENT ON WAR BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons yesterday that he proposed to make a statement on the war before Easter.—Reuter.

FRENCH SHIPS SAFE?

FOLLOWING REPORTS OF POSSIBLE UNITED STATES ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS IN AMERICAN PORTS, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, M. HENRI HAYE, VISITED THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MATTER.

On leaving he told journalists it was his "understanding" that the United States would not take any action against French merchantships in United States ports.—Reuter.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT THE BRITISH FORCES HAVE CAPTURED ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ERITREA.

A meeting of British and enemy forces in Libya, a continued British advance in Eritrea with the capture of more prisoners, and rapid progress in Abyssinia, were reported in an earlier G.H.Q. communique.

The communique stated that the advanced elements of our forces were on Monday in contact with enemy infantry and mechanised units in the Mersa Brega area, Libya.

"Despite extensive demolition on the main road to Asmara our advance in Eritrea continues."

DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS A FURTHER 800 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING ANOTHER BRIGADE COMMANDER.

Although communications in this area have been extensively damaged by the retreating Italian forces our advance from Diredawa astride the railway and road to Addis Ababa is making rapid progress.

In all other sectors the penetration into southern Abyssinia is being enlarged, particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolf.

Diredawa Retreat

Following their withdrawal from Diredawa, the Italians in eastern Abyssinia are not expected to offer strong resistance until the British forces reach the Awash River, about 100 miles from Addis Ababa, stated the British military spokesman in Cairo last night.

He added there was nothing noticeable of modern defences around Asmara.

Threat To Massawa

Possession of the Eritrean capital is not only a direct threat to Massawa, 75 miles away, but also promises finally to sever all communications between Abyssinia and Massawa, leaving a road to Assab, sole remaining link between Abyssinia and the Red Sea. ASMARA HAS 100,000 INHABITANTS, HALF OF WHOM ARE ITALIANS. IT IS 7,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL ON A PLATEAU.—REUTER.

VICHY PROTEST TO LONDON

A protest was addressed by the French Government to London after the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram received in Berne last night.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchantships by British naval units has always ended in the capture of the vessels in question, "even when they carried no cargo."

The view was expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.—Reuter.

Note Handed In

A Washington announcement says that the Vichy Note of protest to Britain concerning Sunday's brush between British warships and French coastal batteries on the Algerian coast, has now been handed to the State Department for transmission to Britain.

The Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, with a request that it should be forwarded to London.—Reuter.

THREE DEMANDS BY THE AXIS

(Continued from Page 11)
 "Developments in Yugoslavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out Germans," the statement adds.

Budapest Report

According to a Budapest report to Vichy, General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin yesterday on "all questions interesting Germany."

Mr. Eden in Greece

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WAS RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE OF GREECE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO ATHENS RADIO.—REUTER.

DEATH

JOAQUIM BAPTISTA, at his residence, 5, St. Joseph's Terrace, Hong Kong, at 2.20 a.m. Wednesday, 2nd April, 1941. Aged 70 years. Funeral will pass the monument to-day (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy).

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GERMAN TROOPS CAUGHT ON PARADE

Reviewing what is described as a busy and successful day by Blenheims of the Bomber Command on Monday, an Air Ministry communique says: "Warships, supply ships, gun emplacements and German troops were bombed and machine-gunned."

Early in the morning, as already announced, two tankers were set on fire off Le Havre and left sinking.

Later a destroyer off the Frisian Islands was twice hit. She slowed round and came to stand still, listing heavily.

Our aircraft then flew low over the islands of Terschelling and Ameland and bombed and machine-gunned gun emplacements and German troops on parade. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the troops. The parade dispersed.

Still later another sortie scored a direct hit on an enemy supply ship, one of a convoy of eight vessels protected by warships and fighters.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing.

In the attack on German troops on a parade ground the Blenheims roared over only 50 feet above the ground and the crews saw the troops rush for cover.

DURING AN ATTACK ON A LONG GREY HUT, AROUND WHICH GERMAN TROOPS WERE STANDING, ON ANOTHER ISLAND, AIRCRAFT CAME DOWN TO TEN FEET. A DIRECT HIT PRODUCED VOLUMES OF BLACK SMOKE.
— BRITISH WIRELESS.

Battle Of The Atlantic

The present scale of British shipping losses is not high enough for Hitler to believe victory in 1941, as he had promised, and he could only win by obtaining mastery of the Atlantic.

So declared Lt. Comdr. Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London yesterday.

Admiral Cunningham's latest triumph was only a phase in the great naval battle.

Yugoslavia Issue Believed Entering Upon Final Stage

PERUVIAN WARSHIP IN PURSUIT

The Peruvian destroyers Almirante Guise and Almirante Villar were despatched by the naval authorities to Callao to chase two German ships that weighed anchor on Monday night and made for the high seas.

It is thought they would be intercepted by the British warship Prince Henry, which visited Callao last week. — Reuter.

WITH THE REPORTED DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN OF VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER IN BELGRADE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GERMAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ARE ENTERING THE FINAL STAGE.

German circles in Belgrade declare von Heeren is returning to give a personal report to Hitler, who will take decisive action immediately.

German negotiations with the new Yugoslav Government are reported to be centred around three demands from the Axis, namely:

Full compensation for damage to German property after the coup d'etat.

Full public ratification of the Tripartite Pact.

Demobilisation of the Yugoslav army.

Menacing Note

Germany beat the big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note yesterday, continuing the war of nerves against Yugoslavia.

"General anti-German tendencies in Yugoslavia have become steadily worse," says the German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation.

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UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY SEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE POLICY ADOPTED by the new Yugoslav Government is clear and unequivocal; they wish to maintain peace and to keep in close and friendly relations with all their political independence and territorial integrity.

While they have not repudiated the Axis Pact they are examining it very carefully and objectively. If its provisions do not run counter to Yugoslav policy, the Government of General Simovitch will probably not denounce the signatures of its predecessors.

But it is evident the Germans are not prepared to leave the interpretation of the Pact in the hands of General Simovitch and his Government.

To the Nazis, as they have repeatedly declared, there is no such thing as neutrality. A country must be either for or against them, especially if the Germans are able to enforce their point of view.

In these circumstances, German attitude would leave Yugoslavia only the alternatives of submission or the consequences of refusal, and it is significant that German propaganda is now running in the same direction as it took before the attacks on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

But the Germans are dealing in Belgrade with a Government which has come to power on a tide of national feeling against German aggression.

As a result, the attempt to drive a wedge between Serbs and Croats and Slavonians is unlikely to be more successful than the efforts to intimidate the Serbs with stories of the "horrible persecution" of German settlers.

The Croats are strongly democratic and are consequently opposed to totalitarian methods and ideas. In addition, the recent Allied successes, coupled with the American attitude, have influenced opinion in the Balkans. — Reuter.

AIRMEN'S ROLE IN NAVAL VICTORY

"We found the Italian ships steaming like billyho for home and fairly plastered them."

This was a squadron leader's description of one R.A.F. attack on the Italians during Friday's naval battle.

This squadron was en route for a normal raid on Tripoli when it received news of the war at sea and cheerfully altered direction.

"We hit one big ship twice amidships," he said, "and she stopped with clouds of black and yellow smoke shooting up 200 feet."

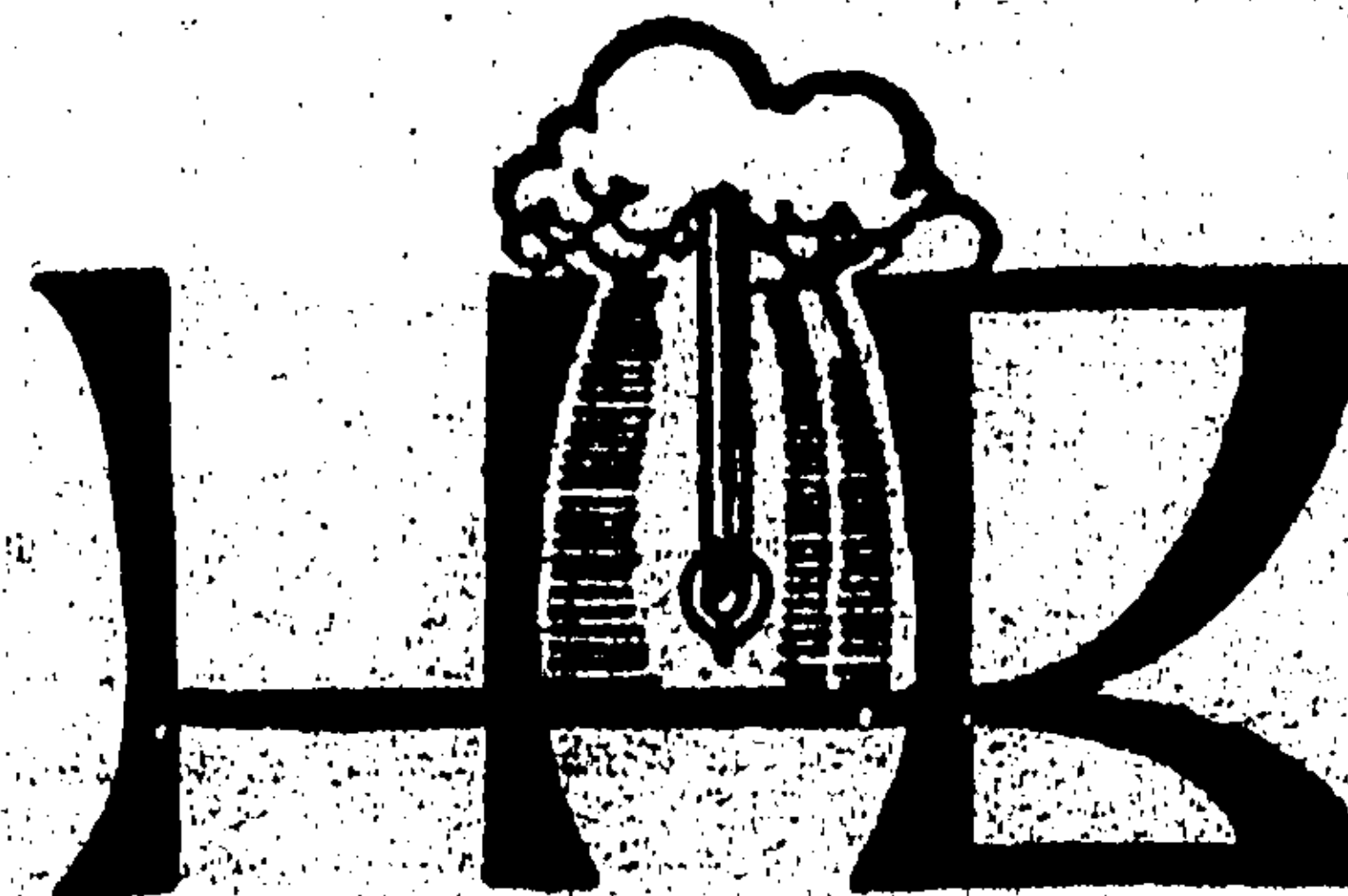
News of the Italian panic comes from the leader of another R.A.F. attack.

In Confusion

"We found the Italians had fled in great confusion, zigzagging violently and occasionally getting in each other's way," he said.

He added simply "We bombed them and increased the confusion." — Reuter.

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Italian Navy's Puerile Exhibition

CONGRATULATIONS from the British Government have been sent to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian fleet.

This was disclosed in the House of Lords yesterday by the Leader of the House, Lord Moyne, who said: "To-day our minds are filled with the gallantry of the forces engaged off Matapan and with the brilliant skill of their leadership."

"This war has taught us no new lessons to add to the courage and brilliancy with which we have maintained our sea power. These qualities are traditional."

"The Battle of Cyrenalca was a model combination between land, air and sea forces, and the Battle of Matapan has offered a perfect example of cooperation between the Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. which is based on the island of Crete."

"At last the training and efficiency of the Fleet has had its reward. Throughout the war it has faced the methods of submarines, a warfare which the Germans applied to what was previously looked upon as a system of indiscriminate murder."

Bitter Experience

"The Nazis have profited by the bitter experience of the Graf Spee, which with its heavier armament was driven to destruction by the accurate gunners of Achilles, Ajax and Exeter, and have, since that experience, taken care that Nazi and Italian surface ships shall never meet their match in size or arms but shall run away from smaller units to avoid disaster."

"The kill of Admiral Cunningham's combined operations has completely defeated this method."

"Bombing from the air prevented the Italian units profiting from their additional speed in flight, and have enabled our ships to finish their work."

No Precedent

"We have become accustomed to such disproportionate casualties between victors and vanquished as has reminded us of the wars between the Persians and Greeks on the classic battlegrounds of the Near East."

"But not even the Battle of Salamis, where Persian losses were five times as great as those of the Greeks, can provide a precedent for the overwhelming disaster to the Italian fleet without the cost to the victors of a single man or ship." (Cheers)—*Reuter*.

Relative Strength

The normal effect of Britain's naval victory off Crete is enhanced by an authoritative statement of the relative strength of the forces engaged.

The statement gives the following figures:

British—Three battleships, one aircraft-carrier, four cruisers, and destroyers.

Greek—some destroyers.
Italians—three battleships, 11 cruisers and 14 destroyers.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. ENTRY PROPHECY

THE STOCKHOLM "POSTEN" DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE DAY IS NOT Distant WHEN UNITED STATES WAR-SHIPS WILL OPERATE WITH THE ROYAL NAVY.

It will be an historical battle against German attempts to sink British and American tonnage, says the paper, and one is tempted to prophesy that it cannot succeed against overwhelmingly superior power.—*Reuter*.



"BLITZED" HOUSES ARE BEING REPAIRED—Permanent repairs are being executed to bombed houses by local councils who have the Ministry of Health's approval. In the London borough where this picture was taken, the local council have their employees hard to work on the damaged houses. (Copyright, Fox).

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LONGMORE ON R.A.F. FEATS

THE IMPORTANT PART played by the R.A.F. in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and in the Mediterranean was emphasised by Chief Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from Cairo yesterday on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft had been destroyed in the Middle East and paid a great tribute to the magnificent defence of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissances in cooperation with the Navy.

Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. sea reconnaissance aircraft located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements.

Acting on this information R.A.F. bombers attacked, hit and crippled one, and possibly two, of the cruisers and, one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

Storms To Weather

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction "but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet."

He concluded by wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.—*Reuter*.

FRANCO 'AMNESTY'

FORTY THOUSAND POLITICAL PRISONERS, ACCUSED OF REBELLION, WILL BE LIBERATED UNDER A LAW SIGNED BY GENERAL FRANCO YESTERDAY. THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR, SAYS A MADRID DESPATCH TO THE FRENCH OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

The men to be freed are ex-soldiers of the Republican Army or civilians who supported the Republican regime.

Their liberation is conditional and will become final only after each case has been individually examined.—*Reuter*.

BURMA RAILWAY PROPOSALS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA TO BUILD A RAILWAY LINE FROM RAILHEAD AT LASHIO TO THE FRONTIER, WHICH WILL LINK UP THE BURMA RAILWAY SYSTEM WITH THAT OF CHINA, STATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BURMA YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A COMMONS QUESTION.

It is understood that this is a long term rather than a short term plan, rendered necessary by the fact that the Burma-Yunnan road has proved to be inadequate for most general requirements of traffic between the two countries.—*Reuter*.

BLUE STOCKINGS SURPRISE EVEN THEMSELVES

SHOULD WAR-TIME CONDITIONS BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH BRITAIN'S TRADITIONAL SUNDAY?

The House of Commons, after a spirited debate yesterday, decided that the traditional Sunday must be upheld. The debate arose out of a Government order enabling theatres to open on Sundays.

Government, however, made it clear that no political implications were involved and every member was free to vote according to the dictates of his own feelings.

Member after member argued in the Commons that theatres should have the same freedom as the B.B.C. and cinema. The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the Government, declared that both soldiers and workers needed these facilities.

Order Defeated

But meanwhile opponents of the order were busy in the lobbies rounding up their supporters

and, rather to their own surprise, says *Reuter's* lobby correspondent, they won.

On a free vote the order enabling theatres to open on Sundays was defeated by 144 votes against 136.—*Reuter*.

RECIPROCAL USE OF AIRFIELDS

The United States and Mexico yesterday signed a convention providing for the reciprocal use of air fields.

This will permit United States planes to reach Panama in the shortest possible time.—*Reuter*.

MATSUOKA HAS TALK WITH MUSSOLINI

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had what is described as "a cordial conversation" with Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace in Rome at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

After the meeting Ciano accompanied Mr. Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr. Matsuoka saw Mussolini.

Mr. Matsuoka's interview with Mussolini lasted about an hour and took place in the presence of Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horikiri.—*Reuter*.

RELIGIOUS SUPPRESSION IN GERMANY

Fresh accusations about religious conditions in Germany were made in a broadcast from the Vatican radio last night.

The announcer declared that religious houses had been closed all over Germany, often with no pretext at all, and these houses are not returned to their proper owners.

"The recruiting of Christians is made difficult, and religious instruction is almost entirely absent in schools, in many of which a priest is not allowed to enter the classes."

"Difficulties are also placed in the way of a priest in communicating with and assisting soldiers, and he knows that any slight error he may make against one or the other of the Government rules may result in his expulsion from the parish."—*Reuter*.

TERRIFIC HAVOC BY GIANT R.A.F. BOMBS

Emden Gets First Taste Of Power Of New 'Planes

SOME IDEA OF THE terrific devastation which followed the visit of the R.A.F. to the German industrial centre of Emden on Monday night may be gathered from a report by the Air Ministry news service.

This mentions that six of the bombs dropped — the most powerful ever carried in a bomber — may be compared with the ordinary bombs carried both by the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe "as the shells of howitzers to those of field-guns."

A stick of incendiaries from one of the first aircraft over Emden started three fires in the centre of the city, by the light of which streets could be seen.

VICHY PROTEST TO LONDON

A protest was addressed by the French Government to London after the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram received in Berne last night.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchantships by British naval units has always ended in the capture of the vessels in question, "even when they carried no cargo."

The view was expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.

Note Handed In

A Washington announcement says that the Vichy Note of protest to Britain concerning Sunday's brush between British warships and French coastal batteries on the Algerian coast, has now been handed to the State Department for transmission to Britain.

The Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haey, with a request that it should be forwarded to London.—Reuter.

Should Be Apology!

Reports from foreign sources refer to the possibility of the Vichy Government addressing a protest to Britain on the recent incident off the Algerian coast, when French batteries fired at British naval units.

No such protest has reached London and in view of the facts some surprise has been expressed in official quarters in London at the suggestion.

French shore batteries opened fire on British warships engaged in the legitimate exercise of belligerent rights. Our ships were in self defence, compelled to return the fire but subsequently they were subjected on their way to port to three separate bombing attacks by French aircraft.

The facts of the case appear to offer the Vichy Government an opportunity for apology rather than protest.—British Wireless.

The fires made an ideal aiming point.

One observer, describing the fall of a huge bomb, said there was a colossal flash and the crew of the machine saw great masses of debris flung high into the air.

Enormous Destruction

From the height the machine was flying it was obvious these were no ordinary fragments, proving enormous destruction had been done.

Moreover, the debris must have been thrown to a great height as there was a distinct interval before it settled down again.

When another bomb went down the pilot, who had been in 30 previous raids, said he had never seen so large a flash.

German Admission

"It was a gigantic arc-welding flash, blind white."

As the aircraft circle the town before leaving, fires in the town could be seen increasing in fury.

ANOTHER OBSERVER SAID IT SEEMED AS IF A WHOLE BUILDING HAD BEEN THROWN INTO THE AIR.

The effectiveness of the bombs impressed the Germans, who made the unusual admission in their official communiqué of "comparatively large damage to buildings." —Reuter.

OFFICER SHOT AT BILLET

"Possibly he was nervy, sprang out of bed and went with his rifle with the idea of repelling an attack," said the East Sussex coroner of Lieutenant Graham Beaumont - Edmonds, twenty-three whose body was found in the porch at his billet.

A Service rifle was by his side. An armourer-sergeant said possibly the rifle was discharged by falling on to a hard surface.

Police said that because of the position of the wound they thought it would have been difficult for Lieutenant Edmonds to have fired the rifle.

Verdict: Death by misadventure. Lieutenant Beaumont - Edmonds's parents live in Thrale Road, Streatham, London, S.W.

GEE, THAT'S TOUGH

They're tough down Yarmouth way—but not so tough as some of the pork the Ministry of Food expects them to eat.

This is what happened when one butcher tried to make sausages of the meat supplied to him:

The blades of a 1 h.p. electric mincer smashed.

Two cogs in a more powerful machine broke.

The knife became so hot that the meat turned black.

The fat could only be cut with a chopper.

"This must have been a twenty-year-old boar," said Mr. A. Shuckford, the butcher.

"The meat is being sent to Lord Woolton—with a book of words!"

FRENCH HARBOURS BLOWN TO BITS

The "Stockholm Nyheter" publishes letters from France, one of which declares that British attacks on French harbours have blown these harbours to bits.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

ANOTHER HEAVY AIR RAID on Tripoli is a feature of an R.A.F. communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday relating continued activity by British, South African and Australian planes in the African theatres of war.

During the night of March 30, our bombers heavily attacked enemy merchantships and docks at Tripoli.

Enemy aerodromes and concentrations of transport in Tripolitania were bombed and machine-gunned and damage inflicted on dispersed aircraft and vehicles.

Enemy bombers which tried to raid Ledeabya on Monday were intercepted by Australian fighters. One Messerschmitt was shot down and a number of Breda 20s (Italian dive-bombers) were damaged.

Our bombers on Monday made heavy attacks on enemy positions north of Telesma and on the railway station at Asmara, causing several fires.

Dessie Raid

In the Dessie-Assab area large numbers of motor transport vehicles were damaged by bombs and machine-gun attacks and a depot at Tandeho and a petrol dump north-east of Dessie were also bombed.

South African aircraft bombed troops' quarters and started fires among military buildings in villages in southern Abyssinia.

In Albania on Monday a successful raid was made on troops and motor transport moving on the Buzi-Glavo road. Direct hits were observed on the road and on enemy vehicles. From all the above operations all British aircraft returned safely with one exception.—Reuter.

AXIS SHIPS SET ON FIRE

The German steamer Eisenach (3,177 tons) and the Italian vessel Rella (6,042 tons) were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas yesterday.

The crews were arrested and are now in gaol at San Jose, Costa Rica, awaiting trial.—Reuter.

THOUSAND KILLED ON CLYDESIDE

Altogether 1,100 were killed in the German air raids of March 13 and 14 on the Clydeside area and 1,000 seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

A BRITISH EMPIRE ACHIEVEMENT

The "Providence Journal" of Boston says that to say that the British are accomplishing this or planning that, as in Africa, Greece and Singapore, is only partly true.

What is being made is an Empire effort in which the contributions of the Dominions and colonies are becoming of larger actual and relative importance.

Their manpower is exceptionally competent and physically and mentally fit, and it is being not merely trained in generous quantities but equipped to the fullest extent possible with the products of Dominion factories that are being brought into play with commendable rapidity.

It is the Empire effort which has enabled the British to deal with situations like that in Africa, to act defensively for the time being, like in the Far East, to go to Greece in strength and to plan with some confidence for the future.

The British Navy and the British Merchant Marine tie the entire far-flung effort together.—Reuter.

PUT OUT FIRE BOMB ON 99TH BIRTHDAY

On her ninety-ninth birthday Mrs. Lillian Halle heard an incendiary bomb crash through the roof of her house in Chesterton Road, Ladbroke Grove, London.

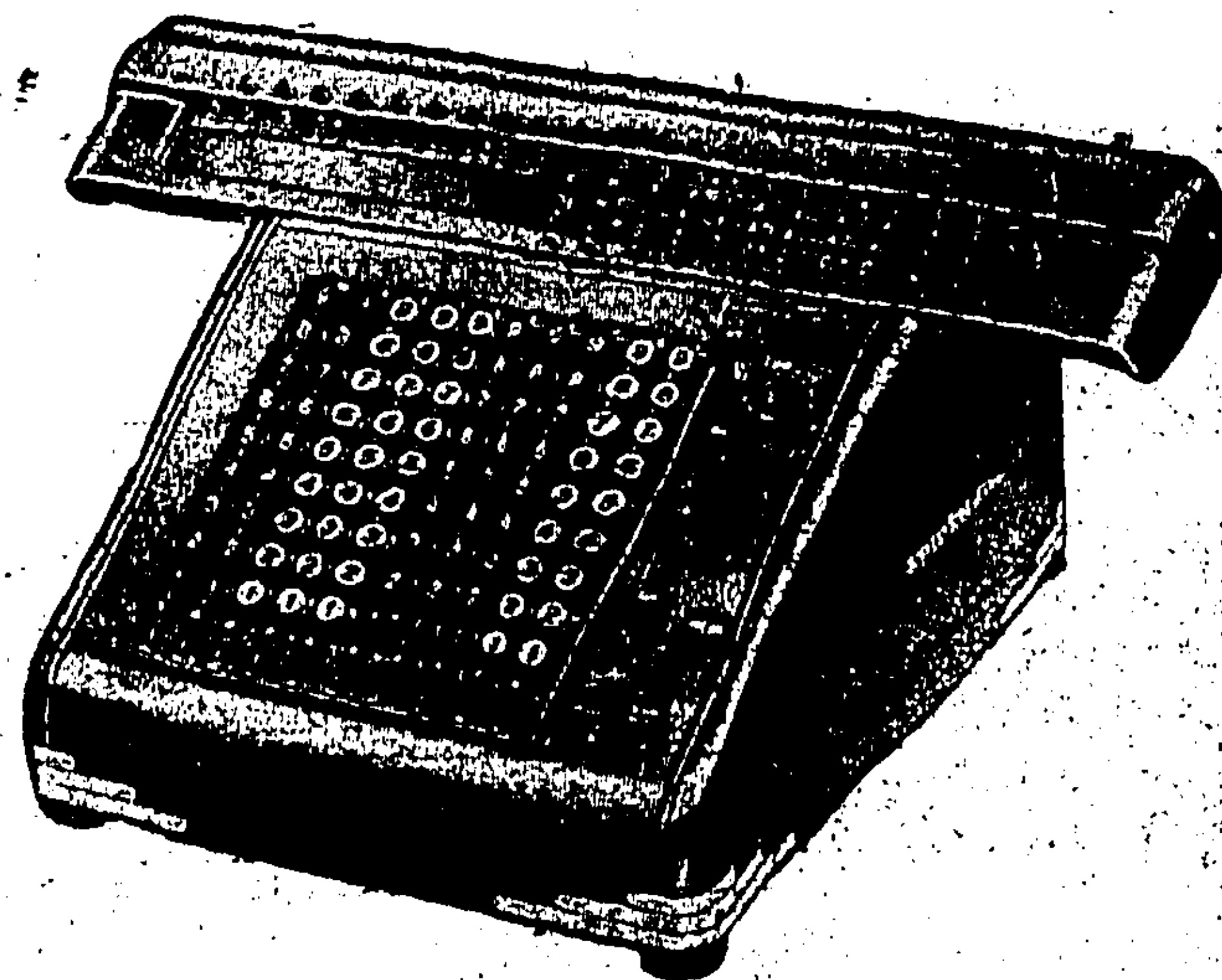
She at once carried sand and water to the top of the house and put out the bomb.

Mr. R. C. D. Jenkins, Mayor of Kensington, is recommending her for a civilian bravery award.

A neighbour said: "Not until she had effectively dealt with the fire did Mrs. Halle call for help."

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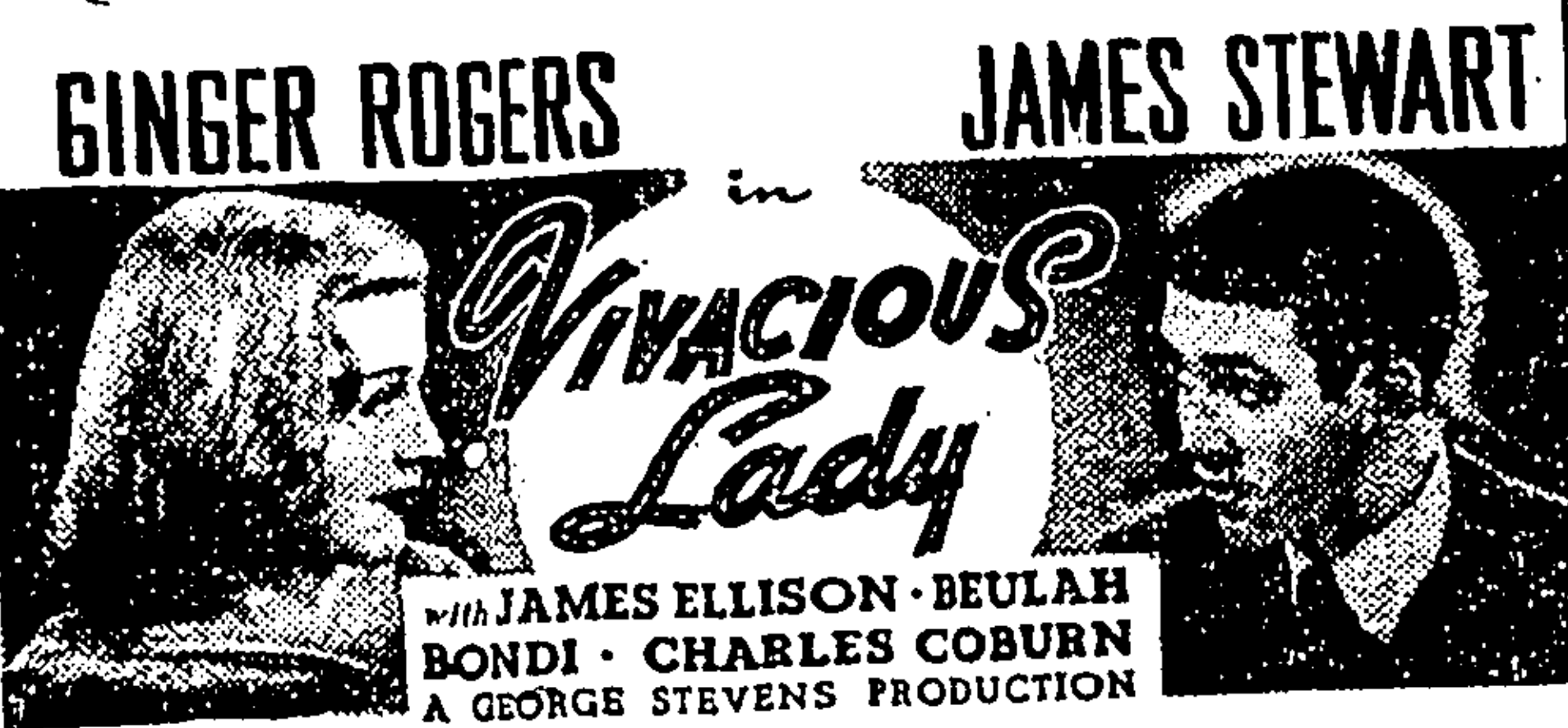


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TALKS ON BLOCKADE ISSUES

Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American official representatives on certain aspects of Britain's blockade policy, states Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on blockade.

Interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodships "for starving France" is to be found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were taken into Gibraltar.

One contained nothing but bananas, while the other, in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

It these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

Nazi Shortages

Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be eating into her stocks of oil, despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies if heavy attacks on her refineries continue. If the Navy retains controls of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land, Reuter.

LATEST SHIPPING LOSSES

Mercantile losses due to enemy action for the week ended midnight on March 23, which totalled 59,141 tons, are considerably less than in the preceding three weeks since the Battle of the Atlantic started.

Naval circles emphasise it must not be assumed that this great menace to the coming British victory is yet mastered. It is freely recognised that losses in the coming weeks may be heavy.

This prospect, however, is not regarded as a cause for despondency and it is emphasised in naval circles that the proper method to assess losses is to study the average weekly figures of losses over a period of months rather than those of individual weeks.

Weekly average in August was 84,000 tons, September 103,000 tons, October 86,000, November 86,000, December 70,000, January 55,000 and February 74,000.

For three weeks of March average weekly losses were 84,000 tons.

Average weekly loss from the beginning, excluding the Dunkirk period, is 65,000 tons—British Wireless.

ITALIAN UNITS SHATTERED

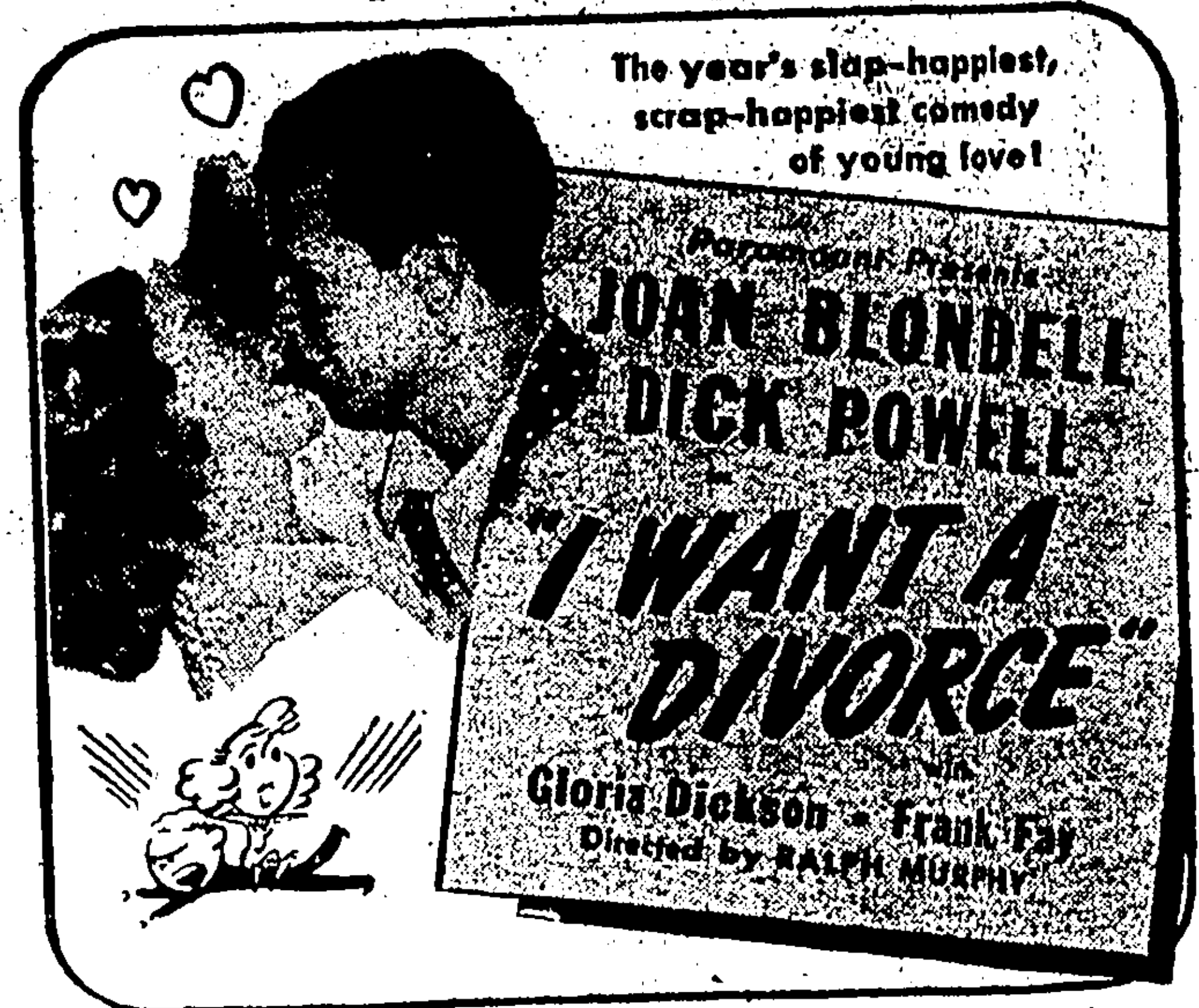
Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, stated Athens radio yesterday quoting a Greek Press Ministry bulletin—Reuter.

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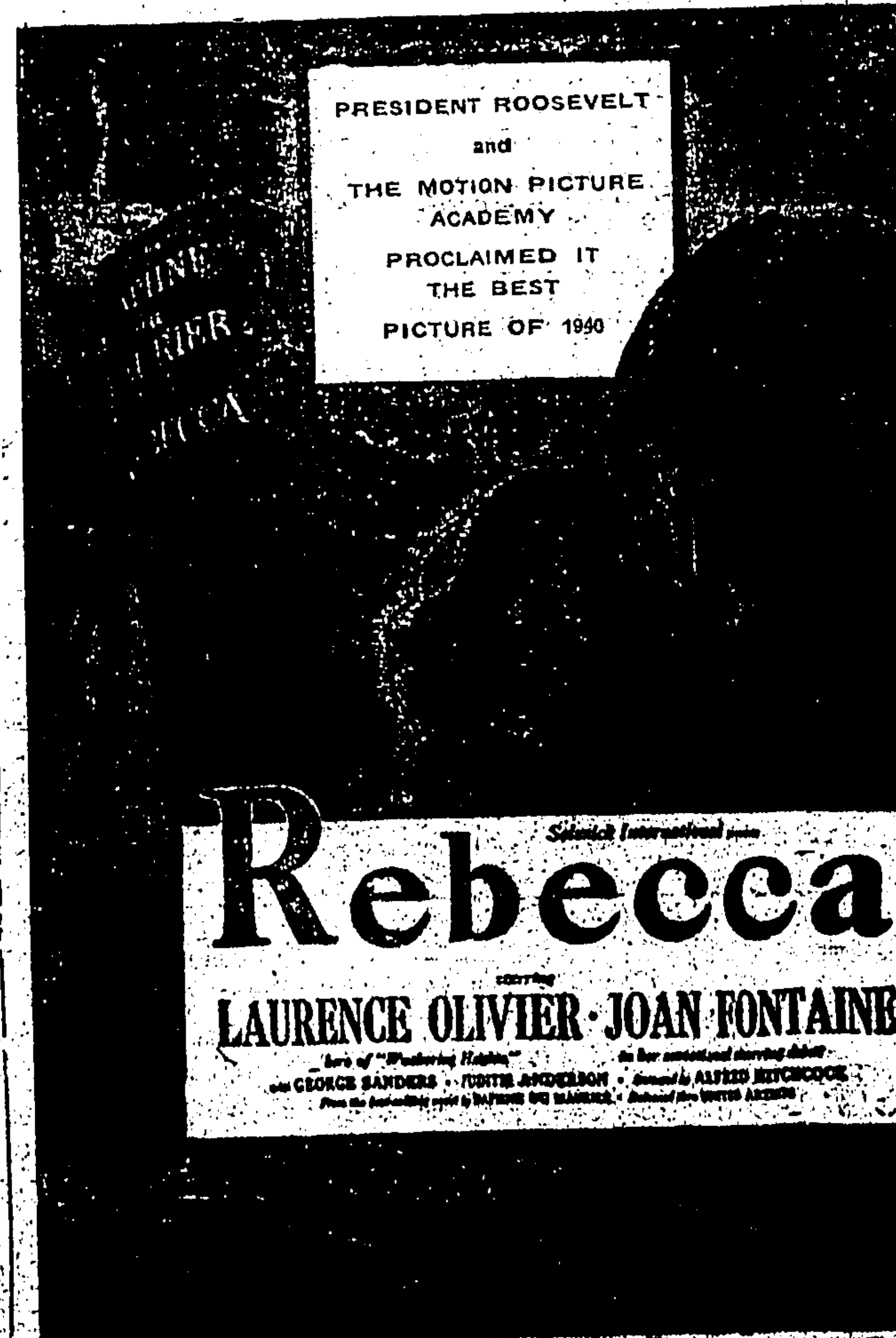
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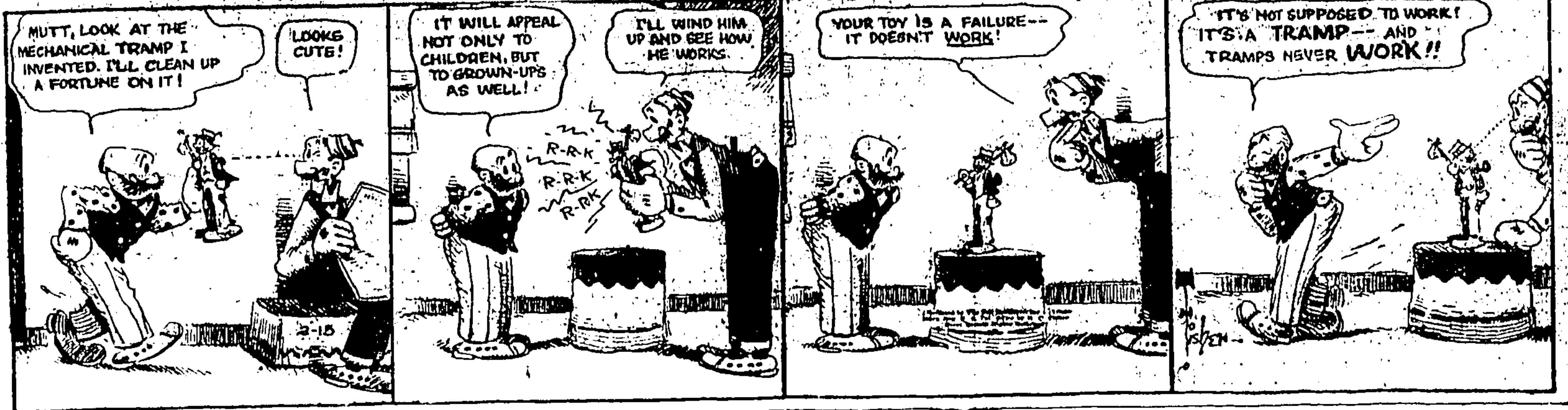
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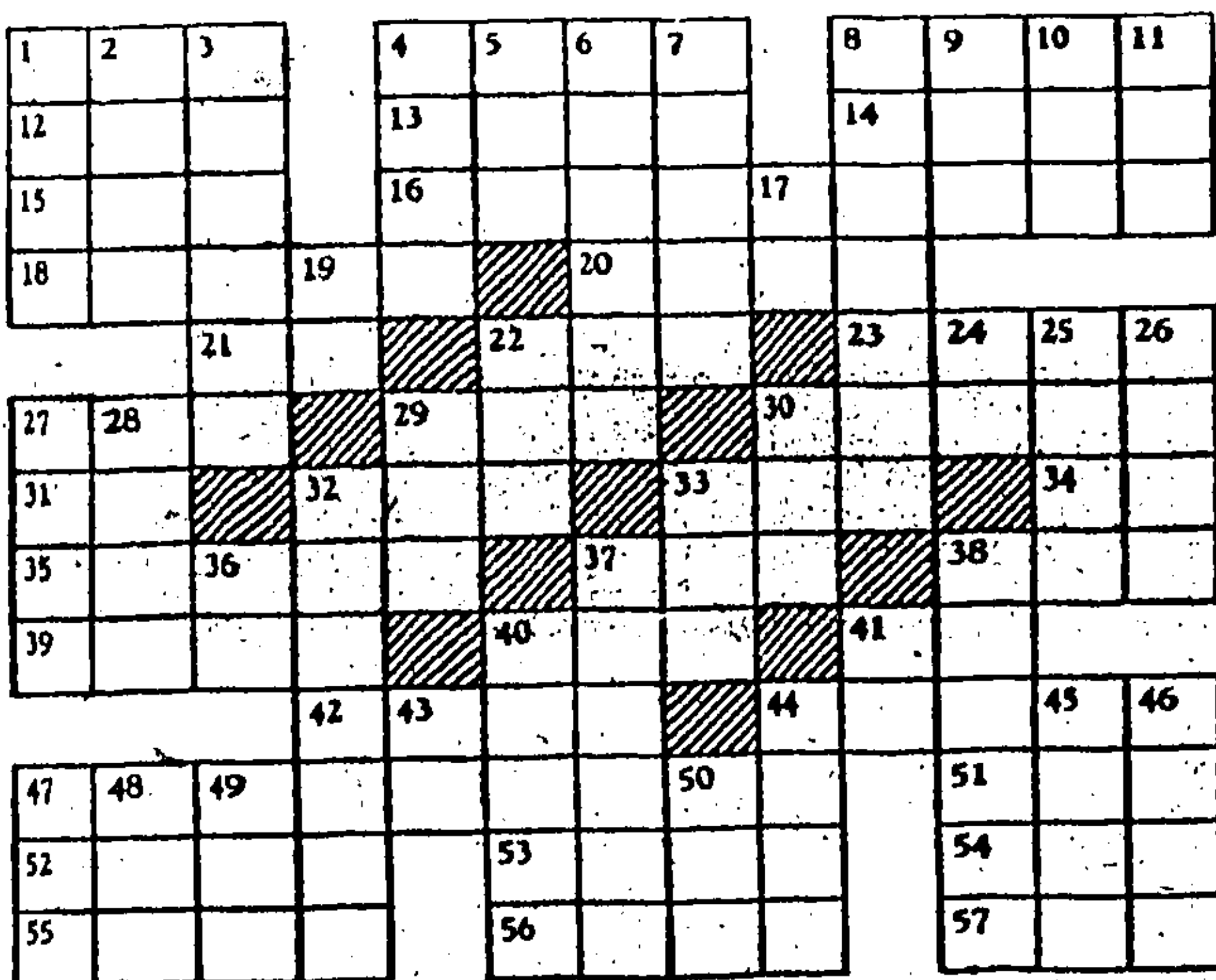


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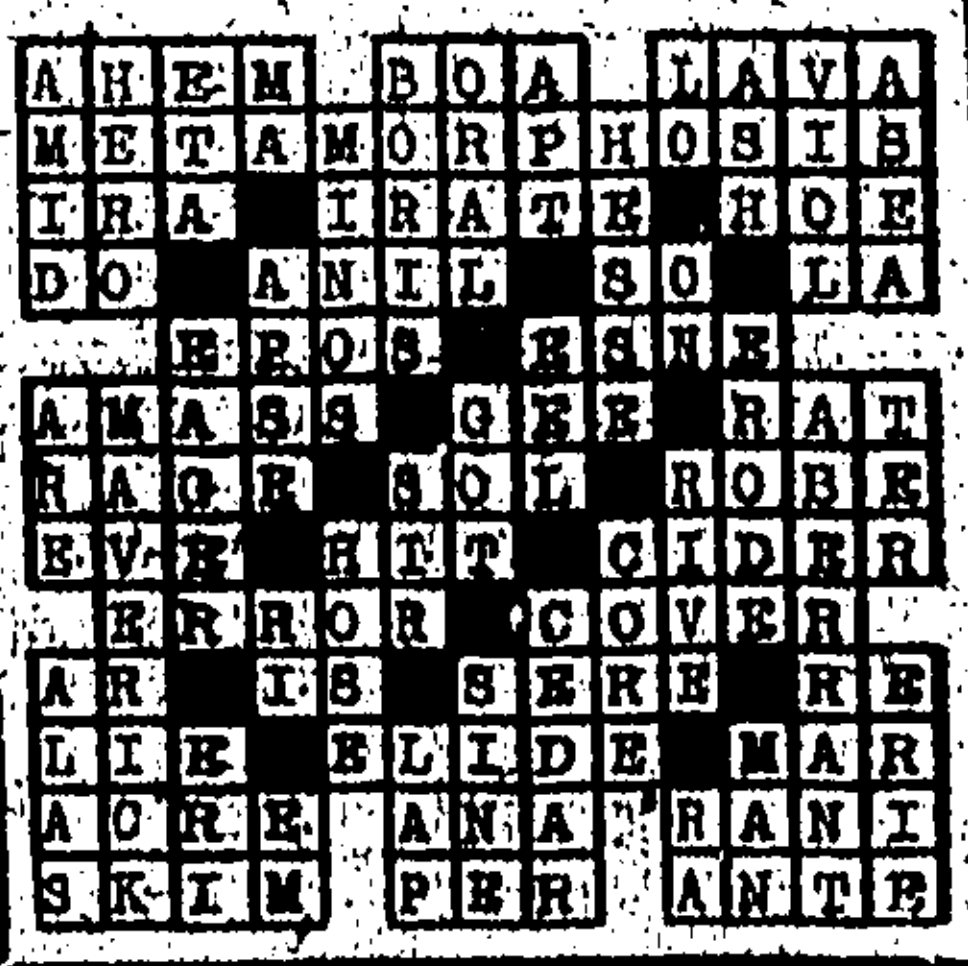
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 - Cereal: grass
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 - Jester
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 - Body of water
 - Fish: eggs
 - Butterfly
 - Enclosing structure
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 - Completely
 - Innate
 - Cereal: grass
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FAITH IN AXIS SHAKEN

The Stockholm newspaper "Kuriren" emphasises the embarrassment of Mr. Matsuoka's presence in Berlin and considers that the Yugoslav coup has shaken faith in the great internal strength of the Axis Pact.

The whole world has seen that there are parts of the proud building which are very rickety. Yugoslavia's firm behaviour is a message to all peoples still free not to sell their freedom of honour.

The paper refers to the history of Yugoslav problems and conflicts, considering the root of the Yugoslav coup to be found in the same old refusal of Serbia to surrender to a great power.

Britain is fighting for her life but also for a world in which small states will have a possibility of living.

The Gothenburg "Posten" says: That events in Belgrade are a great and unexpected success for England is obvious.

It is certainly said in a telegram from Belgrade that "the change in government is purely an internal and not an external affair," but this interpretation should not gain credence anywhere.

The Explosion

It was the signing of the Axis Pact and its consequences which produced the explosion in Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia will resist if attacked and by its military resources and position has great possibilities of causing the enemy great damage.

The Serbs find it hard to see a friend in an Austrian or German and an enemy in an Englishman, Frenchman or Russian. --Reuter.

FRENCH SHIPS SAFE?

FOLLOWING REPORTS OF POSSIBLE UNITED STATES ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS IN AMERICAN PORTS, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, M. HENRI HAYE, VISITED THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MATTER.

On leaving he told journalists it was his "understanding" that the United States would not take any action against French merchantships in United States ports. --Reuter.

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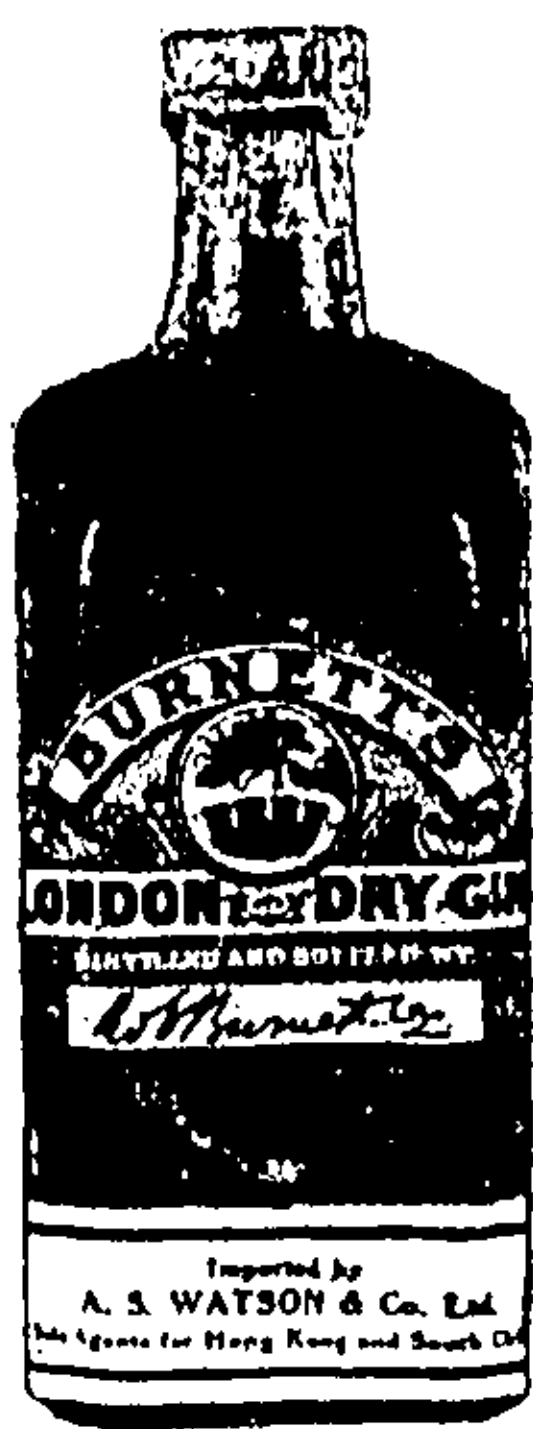
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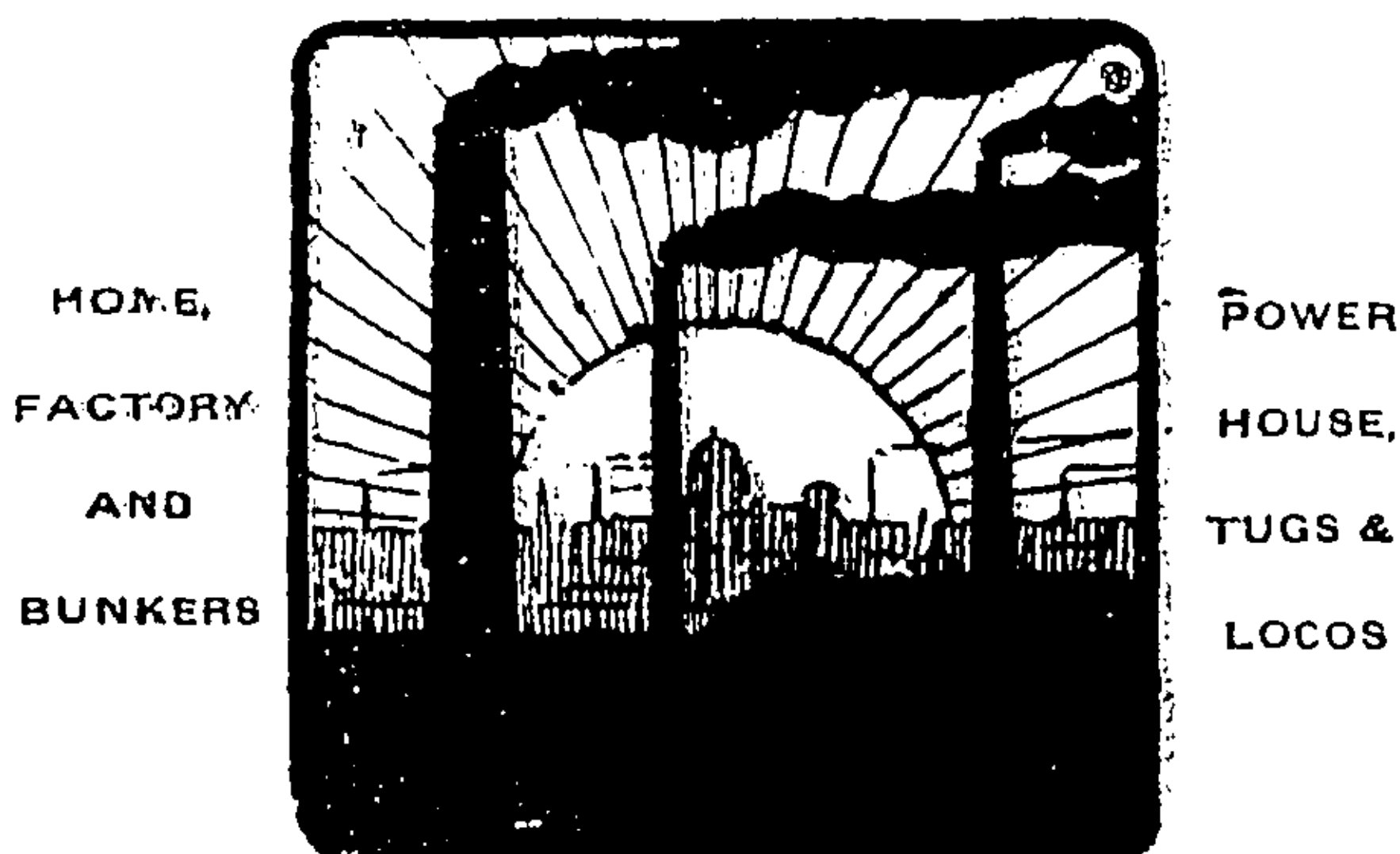


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LINDBERGH & HIS VIEWS ON THE WAR

THE THING to remember about Charles A. Lindbergh's prediction of the course of the war is that Lindbergh speaks for the group of American airmen, in the Army and out, who bet their professional reputations on Germany even before the war started.

Last summer, after the fall of France, when these men confidently prophesied total German victory in a few days or weeks, they actually convinced the military intelligence section of the War Department. Through the military intelligence, they even half convinced the President himself.

They were grossly in error then. As their professional pride is deeply involved, there is every reason to suspect they are equally in error now. Possibly they may be right, for in these grim times there is no such thing as certainty on the earth. But to any thinking man the plans and expectations of the British high command, who are directing the fighting in this war, are both more interesting and more impressive.

Briefly, the story the British have told the President and other American high officials is as follows: Although they know that a very terrible time is immediately ahead, they expect to get through the spring and summer battered but essentially intact. Then, after a winter of intensive preparation in Britain and intensive production of war materials in this country, they plan an offensive on the Continent. Lindbergh flatly says this is impossible, but the British generals are quite as sure that with command of the sea, equality in the air, an army of 4,000,000 and superiority in morale and resources, they can begin rolling the Germans back from the coasts of Europe. Their only doubt is whether America's intensive output of raw materials will begin in time.

Type Of Expert

Because of Col. Lindbergh's denunciation of the lend-lease bill, it is worth inquiring more closely into his credentials and the credentials of the group he represents.

Roughly speaking, they are men passionately interested in aviation, in whom Germany's early emphasis on the importance of air strength produced a natural professional deformation. Officers of the air corps, reading the reports of the German air programme; American air manufacturers, visiting German air plants before the war; air technicians, hearing of German advances — all were inevitably inclined to assume that Germany could not help but win. In the army they heard the same assumption from certain officers who had been tickled in all their professionally sensitive spots by the total militarisation of the German nation. Although many of these men were acquainted, they did not act together. They merely formed a powerful body of opinion of which Lindbergh was the prime spokesman.

Until the fall of France, theirs was a minority opinion. The French collapse was their professional triumph. For a time most other sects of military thought surrendered to them. Toward the end of July, the military intelligence went so far as to submit to the President a memorandum positively forecasting that within ten days to two weeks after the beginning of an all-out German attack, the British air force would either be driven from the air or forced to seek refuge in Scottish bases.

Failed To Materialise

Fortunately for the world, this forecast did not materialise. When it failed to do so, successive explanations and new forecasts were firmly trotted out.

Any one who followed American military opinion last summer will remember how the British were first expected to go under in a couple of weeks because they had lost their channel airports, and then how it was said that pilot

fatigue would finish them soon, and then how their industrial production was supposed to have been stopped dead. But each of these forecasts, in turn, also failed to materialise.

Although all the airmen are completely loyal Americans, and most of them are pro-British in private sympathy, the events of the summer produced in them more than a trace of professional irritation. Some of them took it almost as a personal insult that the British had not substantiated their prophecies. Hardly one of them admitted for an instant that the German strength might have been exaggerated or the British underestimated. And consequently serious friction began to develop between the air corps and the military intelligence, which was again refusing to take air corps dicta at face value. This friction has continued and grown worse until the present.

What The People Want

In his testimony, Lindbergh clearly signified his whole-hearted acceptance of the most extreme German claims. He put German air production at around 5,000 planes a month, although even the United States air corps does not guess it above 3,500, and the latest Army report is that it fell as low as 1,200 in November and December. He omitted Britain from his list of great air powers. He also omitted all mention of the increasing evidence of deficiencies and weaknesses in the German war effort.

Official reports show something very like a German transport breakdown. While crediting Germany with sufficient production of synthetic gasoline and fuel oil, they contain striking evidence of an extremely serious fuel oil shortage. They also indicate the possibility of an explosive shortage, and cast grave doubt on the morale of the German troops. But Lindbergh said nothing of these things.

Certainly it is in the realm of possibility that Britain will go under this summer. Certainly no one should be too optimistic about the plans presented to the President by the British high command. Yet in deciding how to act, the risks attendant on the alternative courses should be carefully weighed. It should be considered, for example, what kind of future United States is implied in Lindbergh's curiously cryptic remarks about air bases in Canada, driving the Germans out of South America and the economic organisation of the hemisphere. If his words mean anything, they mean a future of imperialism and autarchy. Possibly this is what the American people want.

DROVE KINGS; DIES AT 101

Mr. Henry George Drury M.V.O., who had many times been in charge of royal trains going to Sandringham, has died at Northwood, Middlesex, aged 101.

More than thirty years ago he retired from the post of superintendent of the line with the L.N.E.R.

Among passengers who had been in his care were Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and King George V.

He joined the old Great Eastern Railway at the age of fifteen as a junior clerk.

AXIS DEMANDS RELEASE OF SEIZED SHIPS

Germany and Italy have demanded the release of the seized Axis ships and their crews, says a Reuters message from Washington.

AMERICA IN UP TO NECK

Aid to Britain and to every other nation which resists the Axis criminals has been decided on as the best way to defend America, says the "San Francisco Chronicle."

It follows that aid must be as much and as fast as is needed. We have got to provide food, clothes, medicine supplies and planes and see that they get there.

If the British haven't the ships we must provide them. If they cannot provide convoys we must provide them. The stuff has got to get there if we have to swim across with it.

America is in this thing right up to the neck. We cannot set any limits. We cannot even reserve "short men."

If convoys are needed the American Navy must provide them and there is little doubt they are needed. And the Navy is more than ready and willing. —Reuters.

BOMBER PILOT'S NOSEBAG

The increasing distances covered by our bombers raise the question of nourishment for the crews during their long hours of flying. Even our latest and biggest bombers could not provide hot meals straight from the grill, such as are served in Sunderland flying boats during their long daylight reconnaissances. Nor is there need for full meals during the day when on the ground.

What the men chiefly want is something to chew, largely to relieve the monotony of the long flight out and home, when even a whiff of tobacco is out of the question. Some men find solace in chewing gum, but they usually carry some kind of food as well, compact in form and nutritious in quality.

A canvass of air crews at some of our bomber stations reveals that raisins and biscuits are two of the items most commonly stowed away by each man to cheer him during the hours of darkness over enemy territory. Room is also found, as a rule, for a slab of chocolate, particularly acceptable when the temperature falls below freezing point.

The pilot and crew are allowed one shilling and sixpence ahead before each long distance flight for food purchases. This they spend as they wish at their canteen. They often buy cake for bulk, apples or oranges as thirst quenchers and glucose as a heat and energy producer, to counteract the effects of fatigue. Barley sugar or boiled sweets complete the nosebag.

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STIRRING WORDS

We now have some days' perspective on what Mr. Churchill called "those stirring, august and fateful Presidential words" by which America was pledged to a "total effort" which will be continued and increased "until total victory has been won." If Mr. Roosevelt's speech had been merely Presidential words it would still have been a fine speech. It was more than that. The words have manifestly been accepted as those of the people speaking through the President.

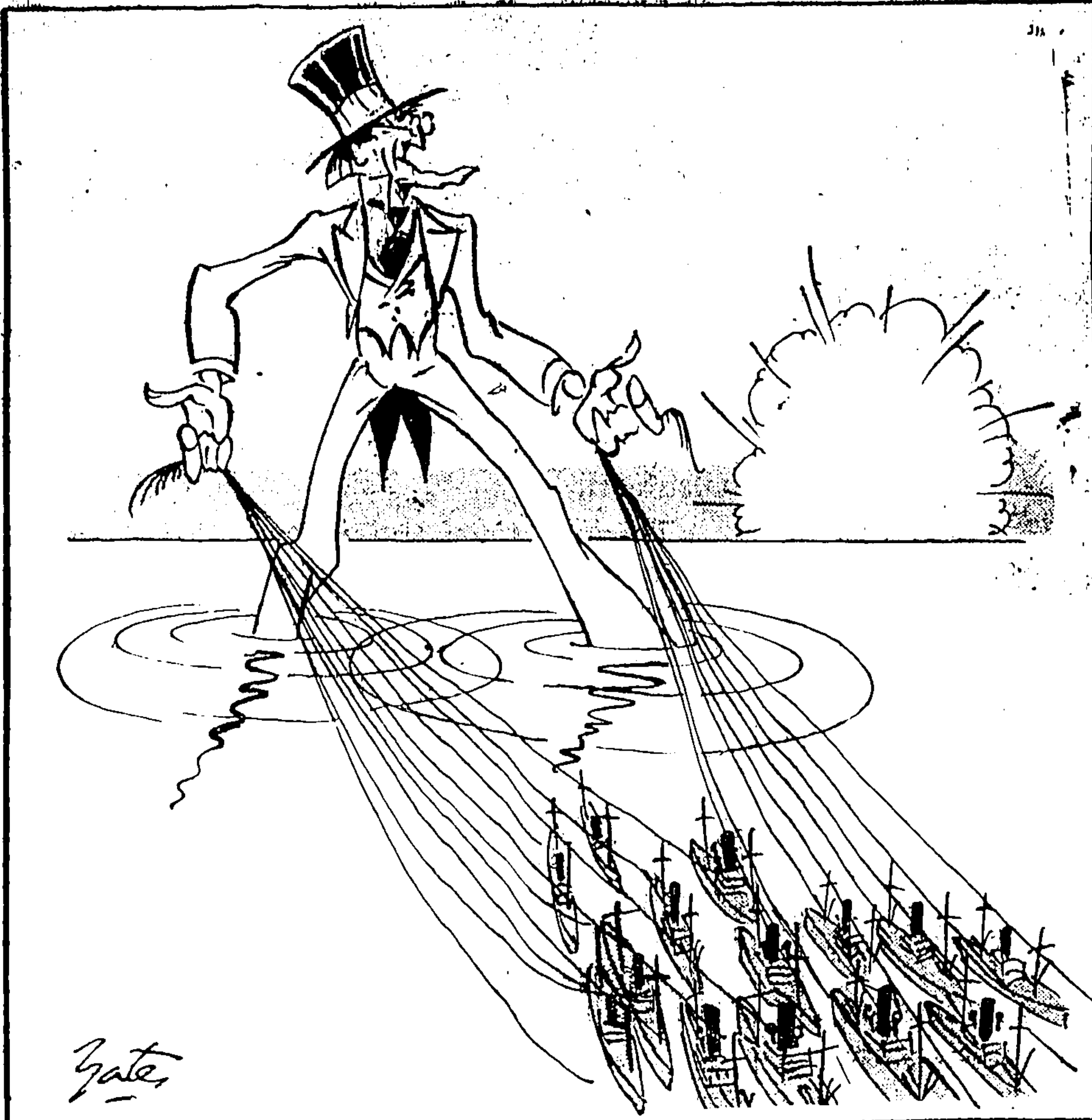
"We, the people of the United States," have been heard the world over. From London the words went out in thirty languages. Swiss newspapers carried the full text over the border into unoccupied France. In Tokyo, twenty-four hours after its delivery, the American message crowded Hitler's Sunday speech—the same old speech—into second place. In Belgrade, blowing hot and cold, four newspapers printed practically all of what President Roosevelt said.

The voice of America was not, and could not be, suppressed, even in Germany, Italy and the occupied countries. Hitler was compelled to allude to it, Gayda had to mention it. There could be few adult Europeans who did not now know that the United States had committed itself to a democratic victory in this war—a commitment overwhelmingly reaffirmed in the House of Representatives by passage of the largest appropriation in history.

When the German Minister in Belgrade conferred with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister the commitment was in both men's minds. It was implicit in the message which Hitler received from President Inonu of Turkey. It enters into the interchanges between Moscow and Belgrade and Moscow and Ankara. We can be sure that it is in the mind of Matsuo.

The defenders of Singapore have heard the news. New confidence came to British troops attacking Keren, to Greeks in front of Tepeleni, to British soldiers on transports going through the Aegean, to R.A.F. fliers over British cities, to British civilians as the air alarms sounded, to sailors in perilous waters.

A Berlin spokesman may indeed say that the value of American intervention is "precisely nil." There was nothing else



WHO SAID WE WERE FRIENDS, ANYWAY?

(The "noises off" would seem to be the Axis raging that seizure of Axis ships in American waters will be regarded as an "unfriendly act.")

The Battle Of The Atlantic

By
Max Gissen

If Germany can cut off Britain's sea-borne supplies, it will serve the Nazis better than an invasion. It is certain that Hitler would prefer to starve England into submission and deal with United States aid by sending it to the bottom. But whether this type of campaign can succeed depends on many factors.

In the first place, Britain's shipping problem is much more acute and complicated than it was during the First World War. The Irish bases are neutral, while the Italian, the Japanese and now even the French navies require the attention of destroyers and cruisers that are needed for convoying and patrolling. With its scattered destroyer strength now roughly half of what it was in 1918, Britain's navy has to combat submarines, raiders and fast E-boats whose bases extend from the Arctic to Spain. That is an almost impossible task in itself. But to the problems of convoying and patrolling over a vast area, there must now be added the aid given to submarines by reconnaissance planes and the attacks on shipping by long-range bombers. Submarines signaled to by spotter planes can take up attack positions with small danger of detection and need not waste time prowling; their effectiveness is thus greatly increased. Against bombers, ships distant from British air bases are defenceless except for weak anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. In recent months, losses through bombing are thought to have reached 25 per cent of the total tonnage sunk.

Another Nazi advantage lies in the wide dispersal of the plants which manufacture submarine parts. U-boat making has become

for him to say. It is not precisely nil. It has 130,000,000 people and fabulous resources behind it. It is backed by a manufacturing plant that is just getting into its new stride. It is fired by a determination to see that what America sends to Britain does actually get there.

to a considerable extent an assembly job, which tends to lessen the damage resulting from British bombing raids. The British shipyards, however, are under constant bombardment. Vital repairs and new construction proceed under the greatest difficulties, and the Admiralty admits that sinkings have well outstripped replacements.

It is now possible to explain some of the startling ups and downs on the shipping-loss graph. Clearly, the most important factor in keeping down sinkings has been the destroyers. Until February of 1940, losses averaged more than 40,000 tons a week. As the convoy system was perfected, and as the French and British destroyers began their persistent sub hunts, losses dropped until, in April, they hit a low of 22,000 tons. Then, in May, came the withdrawal from Dunkirk. Convoying and sub hunts were forgotten as destroyers, minesweepers and even trawlers were brought into the Channel. Because of this widespread disorganization, sinking in the following weeks reached a high point for the war. During the last week of June alone they passed 100,000 tons. Then came the reorganization of the convoy system, and by August losses had declined to 75,000 tons. At this point the Germans began to make full use of the French ports and for a time it seemed that the British navy, now without the services of the French destroyers, must be swamped, as losses again reached 100,000 tons in September.

The British answer to the great string of German bases has developed in the form of brilliantly planned bomber attacks. Inland submarine parts factories have been discovered and are blasted regularly. So are repair facilities, drydocks and assembly plants. Subs must spend three months in port for every two months at sea, and the British Intelligence has been unusually accurate in informing bomber commands of their location. Great German sub

bases like Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, Bremen, Brest and Lorient have been attacked more than fifty times each. In meeting the threat to shipping at its source, the Admiralty has found the most effective complement to the protective destroyer.

The vast undersea and bomber offensive against shipping which the Nazis have promised for spring has aroused fears that United States aid will be largely wasted through sinkings. Neither the Admiralty nor the most pessimistic American naval observers, however, believe that Hitler can launch 600 submarines. Yet, from any standpoint, the British shipping position is already critical, and the recent alarming rise in sinkings is evidence both of Britain's problems in protecting her convoys and Germany's concentration in the winter months on preparing her great offensive.

Great hopes are placed on the effectiveness of American long-range bombers in seeking out submarines, but these have been extremely slow in coming.

More practical, perhaps, are the British corvettes. These may be described as tough little sawed-off destroyers which are highly manoeuvrable and relatively cheap to make.

For convoy purposes they can take the place of destroyers and, though not armoured, are expected to be more than a match for subs. They are equipped with depth charges, a powerful anti-submarine gun, the very latest detection devices, and carry a complement of fifty or sixty men. Canadian yards will deliver seventy in May. If they prove effective, they can and will be turned out in great quantities. But long-range bombers and corvettes are a gamble.

Right now every advantage in the war against shipping lies with the Nazis and there is no valid reason for believing that the advantage can shift to Britain.

The only effective answers are increased tonnage and more destroyers. It has become America's job to provide those answers, since Britain is already doing her utmost. In 1918, under a programme laid down only a few months before, American yards turned out nearly as much new shipping as Britain has lost during this war.

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STRANGLING CONTROL OF TRADE IN CHINA

THE JAPANESE military have assumed complete economic control in Japanese-occupied China in the past twelve months, says "The Economist" in an article on the Far East situation.

To-day, says the writer, the Japanese military dominate not only the semi-official Japanese development companies, and their 30 odd subsidiary companies, but also the manufacturing industries and all lines of trade which, originally, had been reserved for private Japanese interests.

PHENOMENAL HITLER ACHIEVEMENT

The "Chicago Daily News" columnist declares that in one important respect the Nazis have already lost the war.

Their primary aim was that of exhibiting the Nazi as a superior being. Instead of merely flopping in that task they have done worse. They have presented the British in the best possible light.

The writer goes on to praise British morale and high courage in defence of their homeland, and says this has aroused far more respect for the British than ever before.

This admiration has grown at the expense of the Germans. It must be awfully disconcerting to be a Nazi and to realise that the Nazis' most substantial and phenomenal achievement has been to make Americans admire the British tremendously.—Reuter.

NEW MASKS FOR SICK

A new type of gas mask, identical with babies' helmets, is being issued by the Ministry of Home Security to sufferers from heart disease, tuberculosis, asthma, lung troubles, severe anaemia and the aged.

There are two types, which will be supplied only on production of a medical certificate.

Type A is the civilian respirator facepiece, with the addition of an outlet valve.

Type B is the helmet respirator operated by bellows in the same way as the babies' helmet.

Large numbers of the new masks are available, and they will be distributed through local A.R.P. headquarters in every part of the country.

It has been found that the present mask is unsuitable for such people without an outlet valve.

The new types of fittings have hoods shaped to go over the shoulders.

FOOD BEATS CABARET IN GERMANY'S CAFES

Daring shows are increasing in Berlin and Munich, home of Nazism, and Vienna, chiefly because Germans have so few things on which to spend their earnings.

But even the best cabaret show gets little notice if there happens to be a little more food than usual in the cafe, says Associated Press. The most attractive dancer will go without attention if there is an extra portion of roast veal or potatoes to be had.

The result is a complete absence in these areas not only of Chinese but also of Japanese private economic initiative and investment.

The parts of China best developed in former times have been in the power of the Japanese military for over three years. Although Japan's economic domination is greater than ever, the yield to Japan is lower than ever.

Japan sells less in China than before the start of the invasion and at the same time Japan gets less Chinese supplies than before.

Except for monthly shipments of some 400,000 tons of coal, Chinese supplies are insignificant for Japan's economy.

Profitable Investment

Official Japanese "development" work in China is but an auxiliary war activity. The chances of profitable investment in occupied China for Japanese private capital have disappeared.

Complete Japanese military control has made Occupied China's whole economy subsidiary to the various Japanese Army Commands in China Proper.

The control is serving the immediate purpose of assisting Japan's fighting forces in the field and of providing them with some pocket-money, apart from the war funds raised by the Tokyo Government.

Moreover, the control is being used to help transform Occupied China into another Japanese Army reservation of the Manchurian and Korean types by excluding or subjugating all other Japanese, and, of course, all Western interests.—Reuter.

HEEL CLICK GAVE GERMAN AWAY

A click of the heels and a bow—familiar to film fans as a German "thank you"—has cost an escaped German prisoner his freedom. He was riding on a bus when an astute conductor recognised the tell-tale mannerism.

The German, wearing grey flannels, sports jacket and check cap, and carrying a small travelling case, mounted a bus travelling between Gainsborough and Sheffield.

He asked the conductor for a return ticket to Sheffield and tendered a two shilling piece. When the ticket was handed to him he clicked his heels and bowed.

The conductor, Colin Spittle, of Studfield Hill, Wisewood Estate, Sheffield, had been warned there were German prisoners at large.

He felt at once that the man was a foreigner but he did not betray his suspicions.

He went on taking fares and at the next stop confided in the driver, who pulled up as soon as he came across two policemen. Mr. Spittle jumped out and informed the policemen and the German was arrested.

Later Mr. Spittle received a congratulatory letter from the corporation.

"I knew the heel click and the bow were 'Thank you' in German. I've seen it on the pictures," he said.

"Anyway, I reckon Jerry will be back safe in his four walls by now. That'll keep him out of mischief for a bit."

ENEMY BOMBER DESTROYED

An enemy bomber was destroyed yesterday morning in the Midlands. Cause is not stated.

This was the second enemy bomber destroyed yesterday.—British Wireless.

HITLER LOSING BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

EVENTS IN THE last day or two provided a very fine curtain raiser to his remarks, as the Parliament Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty began in a speech on the "war at sea."

Commander Fletcher added he would like to deprecate any criticism just now of the morale and courage of the Italian Navy.

The battle showed what a remarkable degree of cooperation there had been between the three fighting forces, Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Navy had a tremendous task. It had to watch for hostile navies, traverse all the oceans of the world and cover an immense blockade.

Criticism of the Navy, he thought, was very small indeed and when it arose it was generally because not a sufficient number of armed vessels were provided to protect convoys.

"Some people think you can get ships as you can call a taxicab in London. When it is raining heavily, you may wait a long time before you get a taxi but as far as the Navy is concerned it is raining heavily all the time."

Battle Opening

The Battle of the Atlantic was now opening. The great bulk of seaborne traffic was concentrated

in the North Atlantic and our job of protecting it was far more formidable than in 1914 to 1918.

In the last war five navies cooperated in the task of defending our shipping in the Atlantic. Now we were undertaking it single-handed and must expect the battle to be severe. As Hitler had pledged himself to victory in 1941 and could not achieve that victory unless he won the battle of the Atlantic.

Every Tuesday there was published a list of sinkings of British and Allied vessels and these, he said, were absolutely true. Very often they contained sinkings of vessels not actually engaged in trading with Britain.

"WE CAN SAY DEFINITELY AT PRESENT THAT SINKINGS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ON A SCALE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO GIVE HITLER THE VICTORY TO WHICH HE HAS PLEDGED HIS PEOPLE"—BRITISH WIRELESS.

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BRITAIN CUT STOLL AT SEA BY USE OF CORVETTES

(By A Naval Correspondent)

THE ATLANTIC outlook is brightening. For a fortnight I have been sailing thousands of miles out there investigating dangers, assessing possibilities for the immediate future and observing changes and developments in Britain's unceasing fight against the German U-boats across the biggest battlefront of all.

British escort forces out there to-day are steadily being strengthened. Ships may still be torpedoed at times, but the chances of convoys to get through are better than they were at the beginning of the Winter. There are several developments that, if even hinted at, would be of vital value to the enemy.

The ships of this particular convoy had their holds stacked with foodstuffs and war supplies and aeroplanes from America. Not a ship was lost throughout the run, but there is a crippled U-boat out there somewhere. A corvette, one of the toughest little warships in the world, did that. I am the first naval correspondent to sail in these new anti-submarine ships, testing their endurance and fighting efficiency in northern blizzards and howling gales and head-on to the Atlantic rollers. These long-tunnelled, whale-catcher type of warships are smaller than destroyers and were the answer to Britain's prayer when the Atlantic outlook was blackest, when France had caved in and we had to fight alone.

Advantages

There was no time to build destroyers to beat the new, intensive U-boat warfare. So crisis decisions were taken. To-day you find corvette groups operating alongside destroyers and sloops with convoys. Their advantages are these: They can fight U-boats in the foulest weather and they can be built reasonably quickly. I look forward to the time when from a single slipway one corvette can be put to sea every month. Shipyards in the dominions as well as at home are building them.

A corvette costs only a small fraction of the cost of a destroyer. Numbers count in screening a convoy from U-boats, so the cost of escort craft comes down. The range of these tiny warships is a secret, but they are fitted with the same efficient anti-submarine gear as the crack destroyers, and submarine protection has recently been further improved. While not so fast as destroyers, they are fast enough to pursue U-boats, and that is all the speed they need for the job for which they are being built. They need only fifty men, a third of the ship's company of a destroyer.

"Flat Goldfish"

The corvette is in herself only a tiny target, whether she is being attacked from the air or on or under the sea. I see no reason why Britain should not have 200 or 300 of these anti-submarine warships sooner than most people might think. The corvettes are lively in the seaway. The men who sail in them suffer discomfort in even the slightest swell. When they are battling through Winter gales their broad beams roll with the sickening movement of a fat goldfish flicking its tail to jerk over on its side when somebody bangs its bowl.

I have sailed more than 25,000 miles in covering the war at sea, mainly in destroyers, but I have never known anything like the roll you get in these corvettes. Corvette men have been hand-picked for their endurance, and when they prove they can take it they say they would not change. They are proud of their task.

They had to be in this trip. I made, what with gales, blizzards, squalls and three days or living on hardback. They certainly earn their money. Outside of submarines there is not a tougher job afloat.

Would Back Them

The commanding officer of the corvette in which I sailed is a Royal Navy commander who likes

being a small-ship man, while his son is in the biggest warship of all, the Hood. The first lieutenant was a luxury-liner officer in peacetime. He was in the Royal Navy Reserve and found himself in the doomed armed merchant cruiser Patroclus. He clung to a tiny raft for seven and a half hours before a destroyer picked him up. The navigator has been seven times around the world in tramp ships and he is only 27. The sub-lieutenant is a 21-year-old Baronet.

Down in the mess deck they spin yarns about their adventures earlier in the war. Most of them have been "over the side" and most of them have had their baptism of fire at sea. I would back these corvette men in a fight against any U-boat.

SWAM IN MINEFIELD

An R.A.F. radio operator who baled out of his bomber had to swim a quarter of a mile to shore.

And when he crawled ashore he was told that he had been swimming through a minefield. Twice in a fortnight the same airman, a nineteen-year-old flight-sergeant, had to bale out, and each time he got away safely.

On the first occasion he was nearly at the end of a ten hours' flight to Germany and back. His bomber had almost reached the east coast when the engines cut out. The captain gave the order to jump.

"I soon lost sight of the rest of the crew," said the radio operator. "Down below was a choppy sea, with land a quarter of a mile away. I hit the sea feet first and plunged straight down."

"I went right under the water with the parachute on top of me. Though it must have been only a second or two, it seemed ages before I was able to slip off the harness and come up."

Lost Consciousness

"As I struck out for shore, my heavy flying suit held me back, so that I had to fight for each stroke. The land looked very far away, and never seemed to come any closer."

"Just when I thought I should have to give in, I touched ground and crawled out of the sea. The beach was flat and covered with mud. I slumped down and lost consciousness for about an hour."

"When I recovered I saw a building above a group of small rocks. I made my way through and at once some guards flashed their torches on me."

"I remember wondering what they would make of me, for my flying kit was covered all over with thick mud. Then they told me that I had been swimming through a minefield."

9 SOLDIERS DROWN

Nine soldiers were drowned in a Northern Ireland bay when a collapsible boat was swamped.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest.

A.R.P. AID GAOL BREAK

A prisoner who escaped from Pentonville Gaol, London, got a clear start because a warder was unable to blow his whistle and the prison bell could not be sounded.

The prisoner, Bernard Silver, twenty-three, walked off dressed in white overalls. He was one of a working party busy near warders' cottages in Wheelwright Street, Pentonville.

The men were under the supervision of a warder.

But the warder is forbidden to blow his whistle because the sound may be mistaken for an incendiary bomb warning.

The warder had to return to the prison with rest of the working party before he could give the alarm.

No warning was sounded at the prison. The warning before the war was the ringing of a bell. That would now be taken for an invasion signal.

A strong body of warders and police searched the district.

RULES FOR LIPSTICK

The Storm over the Commandant's Lipstick is to reverberate in the House of Commons.

Captain L. F. Plugge, Conservative M.P. for Rochester, who is a scientist, has put down these questions:

To ask the Secretary of State for War whether in view of the assistance given by the State to the Red Cross organisation, he will state the policy with regard to the use of lipstick by women serving in that organisation.

To ask the Secretary of State for Air and the First Lord of the Admiralty the policy of their departments with regard to the use of lipstick by women attached to the Royal Air Force and Naval Service respectively.

Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Fraser Home, Suffolk County Director of the Red Cross, objected to the use of lipstick.

This led to the resignation of Mrs. Fellowes, Assistant Commandant at a Suffolk Red Cross hospital.

PATIENTS FELL THROUGH WARD FLOOR

When a bomb hit a women's ward at the City Hospital, Plymouth—which, it is now disclosed, was damaged in a recent raid—the ceiling and walls collapsed and the floor gave way, several of the patients falling with the beds to the floor below.

Even so, only one of the thirty patients—a girl—was killed, though a few others were seriously injured.

The City Hospital is owned by the Corporation.

STRING OF ONIONS— £26

A string of onions has realised £26 for Preston's free buffet for members of the Services at Preston railway station.

The onions, given by Mr. R. Whittle, of New Longton, were raffled among members of the Penwortham charity committee at 2d. a time. The winner was a Farington engine-driver.

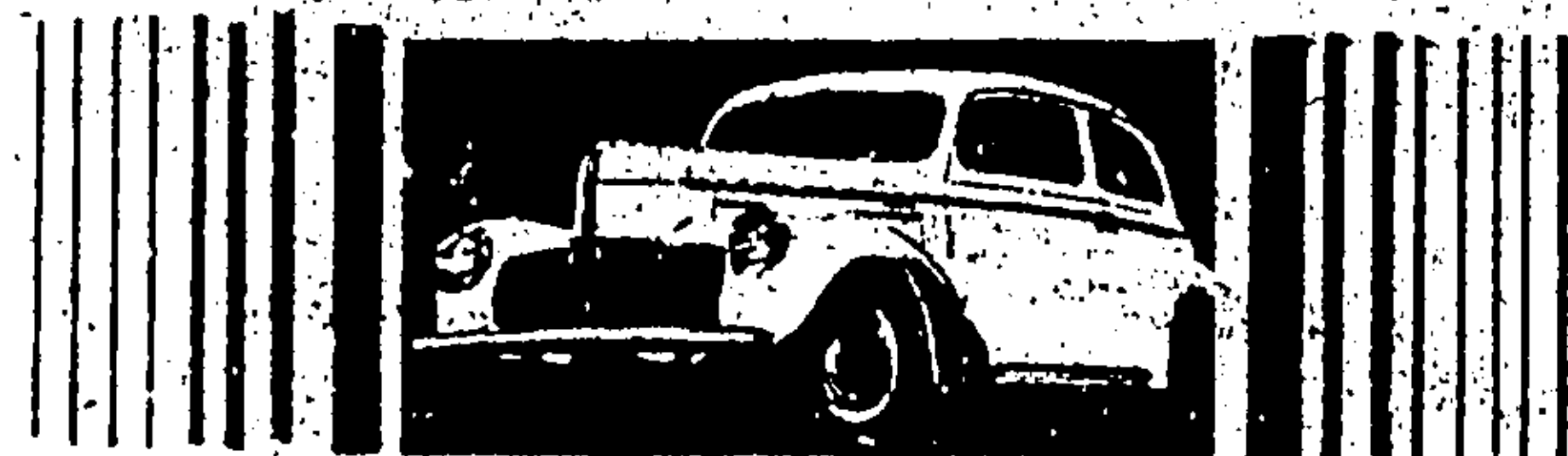
DRUNKS ARE FILMED

Most effective way of fighting against drunken driving in the U.S. is proving to be the taking of motion pictures at the scene of an accident.

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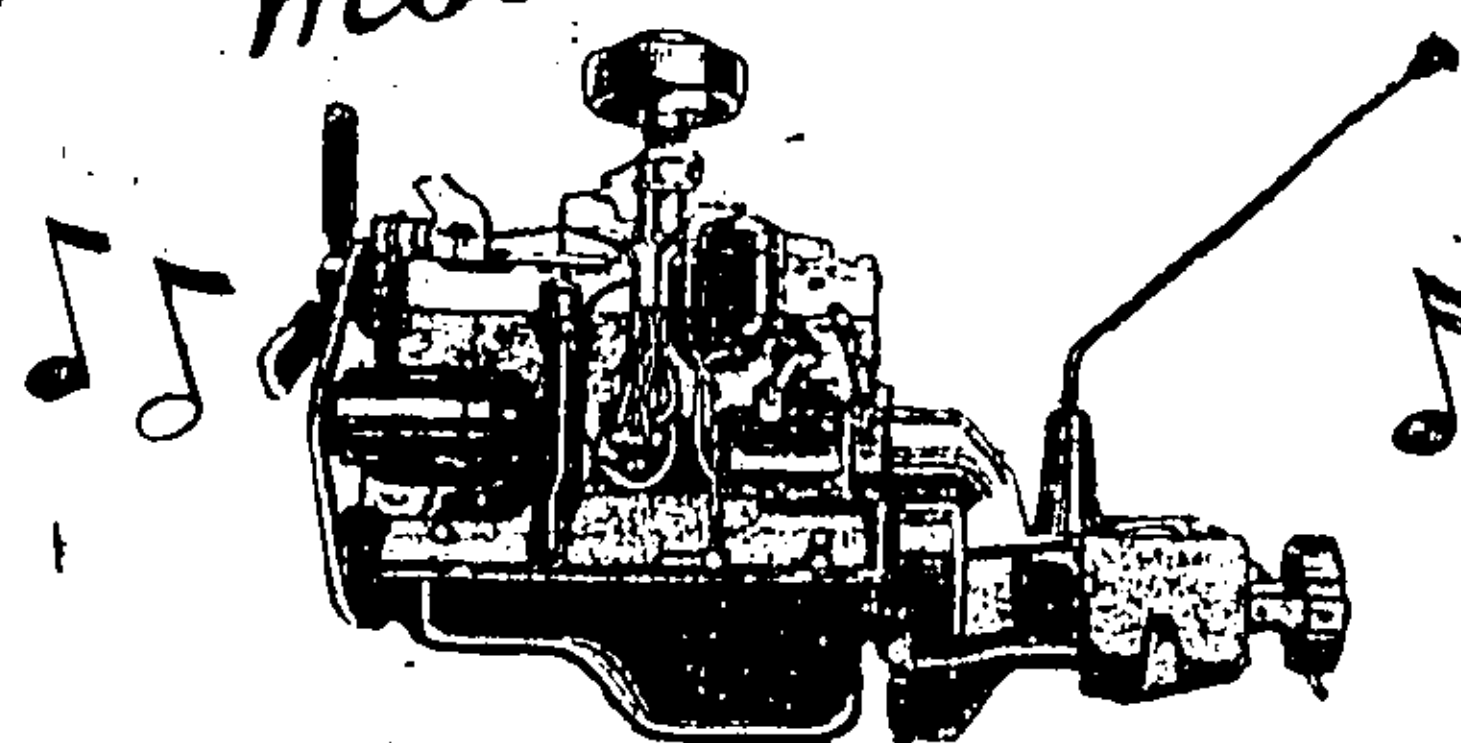
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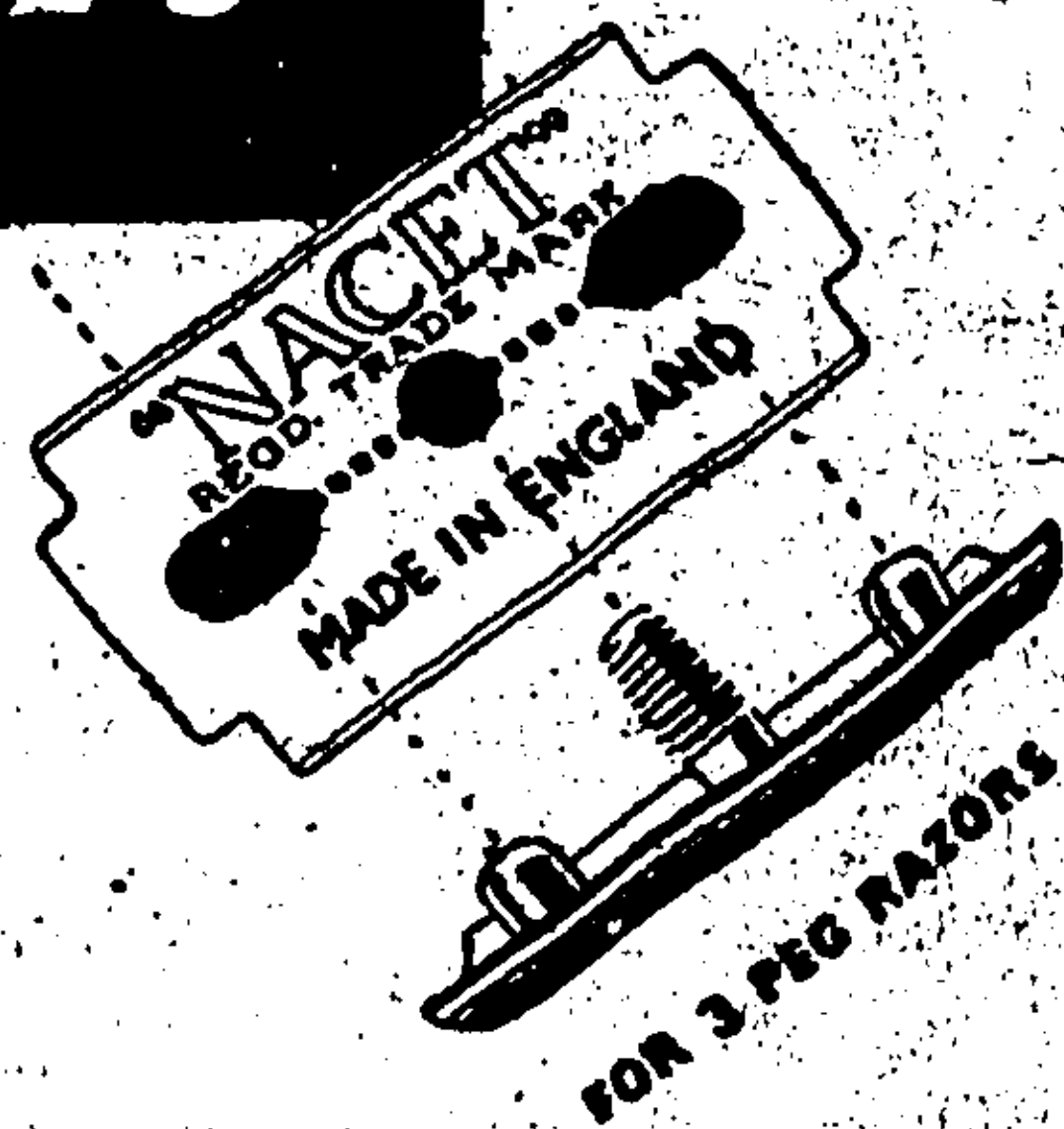


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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.,
General Managers,
24th March, 1941.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 4th April, 1941, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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NOTICE

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Attention is drawn to the conditions of the above races, which should read as follows:—

COOLGARDIE STAKES.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian SUBSCRIPTION Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Coolgardie Stakes (Races Nos. 7 and 11). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

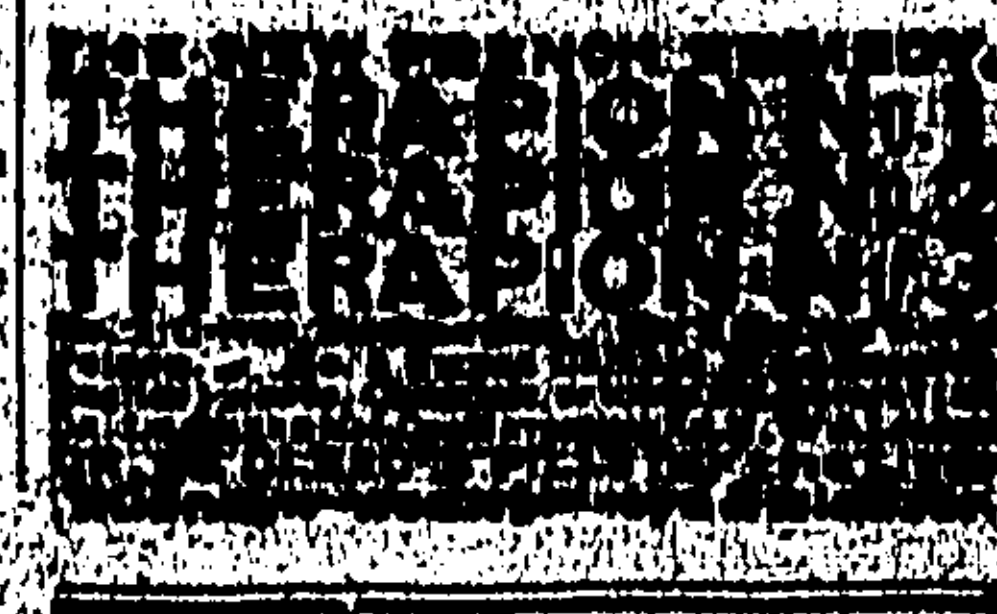
In the event of there being less than 21 Entries for this race, only one section will be run.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 31st March, 1941.



BRIDGE NOTES

An Accumulation By The Four Aces

"Please don't mention my name or town," writes a harried reader, "but tell me what went wrong. I'm considered a good player, but North is known as a terrible dub. What should I have done with the South hand."

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 part-score

♠ J 10 7 3	♥ K Q J 9 8 4	♦ 9 5 2	♣ K 8 6 3
♠ A Q 8 4	♥ 6	♦ 10 7 3 2	♣ A J 7 4
♠ A 5	♥ 10 7 3 2	♦ A Q 10 9 5 4 3	♣ K 8 6 3
♠ K Q 8 6	♥ K 6 2	♦ 6	♣ 10 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

"Four diamonds went for a ride of 1,400 points; and you should have heard what North said about my bidding! My opening bid was unsound, he complained, I should have passed the second round, and I should have bid four spades rather than let him stay in four diamonds. It was a little self-contradictory, but what should I have done?"

The opening bid was sound as a whistle. Many fine players refuse to pass such a hand in any position; certainly any good player would bid it third-hand. The trouble really began with North's bid of three diamonds. He knew there was no fit for spades and that there would be serious trouble if South had no fit for diamonds. He should have passed, knowing that South would rebid if he had a good hand; and if South had a poor hand, the sooner North-South got out of the auction, the better.

But South made a psychological error when he bid three spades. Knowing that North was a dub, he should have feared that North had made an unsound bid and, furthermore, that North might refuse to give up if given another chance. The chances are that three diamonds, undoubted, would have been the final contract; and that would have cost North-South only 400 points. The actual catastrophe was the cumulative effect of one unwise rebid by South and two bad bids by North.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7 5 3	♥ K 4 2	♦ K 8 6	♣ A 10 5 2
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The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Master
1♥ 1♠ (7)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have much too strong a hand to pass, and no other bid is really satisfactory. You hate to raise freely on only a three-card trump holding; but it's the best bid available.

Score 100% for two hearts, 30% for two clubs, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 680

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Master
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Selling Saddle says he'd be a wonder at the sport if it was a matter of staying on one's seat instead of one's feet.

INSTITUTE RESULTS

Results received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, received their training at the School of Accountancy & Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passes:

Intermediate Bookkeeping I: Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sig Kee; Yu Foo Lun.

Intermediate Bookkeeping II: Yu Foo Lun; L. T. H. Phelps; Yung Hin Ming.

Intermediate Auditing: — R. G. L. Ng (Honours); N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing.

Intermediate Law I: — L. T. H. Phelps; S. E. Bux.

Intermediate Law II: — N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing; R. G. L. Ng; Yung Hin Ming.

Final Bookkeeping I: — W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Bookkeeping II: — L. M. da Silva (Honours); Lim Lee Sang.

Final Auditing: — Chan Pui Kai.

Final Law I: — W. S. Anderson (Honours).

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Intermediate Bookkeeping: — Cheung Sik Kee (Honours); Lok King Wah.

Elementary Bookkeeping: — Paul Cheng (Honours); Low Wei Ming (Honours); M. T. Trinh; Alice Lo; Yuen Wing Kin; Chan Bak Foo.

Advanced Typewriting: — Lok King Wah; Wong Char Fat.

Elementary Typewriting: — Alice Lo; Wong Yue Lam; Chan Bak Foo.

PLATES TO SPITFIRES

If the Army used smaller dinner plates, the eventual saving would buy a few Spitfires for the R.A.F., say the people in the pottery who make ten-and-a-half inch "crock" for the troops.

When breakages have to be replaced, it seems, someone pulls out of a dusty drawer an invoice dated a hundred years ago and dictates:

"Army, for the use of—Ten thousand dinner plates to the alder and specifications. Just copy them from the list we used in the Crimean War."

At least that is what the people who make the pottery think.

"The Army is terribly conservative and old-fashioned," said a manufacturer.

NO PETROL — BACK TO HORSES

Horses, which had almost disappeared from the streets, are back again now.

The petrol ration has been reduced from two gallons to a quarter.

Last autumn, horses were cheap. To-day draught horses fetch £20, £30, £40, and grey horses £25.

Farriers are busy. Any man who can shoe a horse is sure of a job.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Dry Shampoo Is Handy Aid

Beauties of the past used to sprinkle oris root through their hair and brush and brush and brush, when a wet shampoo was not in order. To-day we are offered excellent powdered, quick-cleansing mixtures to supplement soap and water washings. One of the newest of these is applied with a toweling mitt to the scalp and hair length, and then partly removed with the clean side of the mitt before a thorough brushing. That's all there is to the shampoo, and it may be used on any natural shade of hair or on dyed hair. You might try it the next time you find it inadvisable to wash your head, or if you are holidaying and haven't the time or opportunity to get a regular shampoo. Convalescents find it most handy.



Sitting before a bathroom mirror you can give yourself a shampoo with the aid of a powder, little mitt and a good brush.

Skin Healing Capsules

We all know that Papaya is a nutritive fruit to eat but few of us ever realised that we would find it concentrated in tiny air-tight capsules to be used for skin beautifying. You youngsters who are passing through the acne stage will find this new papaya lotion a

definite correction, and both men and women may use it as a general skin treatment, for the papain it contains has a tendency to dissolve old or dead tissue resulting in a very gradual skin peeling. In fact these capsules are bottled "bits of beauty" and a ten day

trial usually results in satisfaction. In case you have a specific skin problem let me assure you that this papaya lotion contains no beeswax, paraffin or spermaceti.

Herb Cosmetics For Skin

If you are suffering from chapped skin, or skin that has lost its natural translucence, you might be interested in two herb cosmetics which come from England. One is a cream compounded to help dry skin deficiencies and the other is a lettuce soap which has as a companion a little terry cloth mitt for face washing. After washing your face thoroughly with the lovely soap, the skin is soothed for the night by the cream refresher. Many beauties have used these two aids with delight for years.

ing, gracious manners early. They will help you meet many an emergency during your life. Never cheapen yourself by displaying questionable conduct."

Beauty Rites

Young girls who hope to have success and happiness from life might do well to listen to Hilda Burke, lovely blonde soprano of the Metropolitan Opera who has had to work hard to earn the success and fame she now enjoys.

"I'm not in favour of this 'oh, be yourself' slogan which many girls adopt. That can easily lead to the 'be by yourself' sorority! There are simple but vital beauty rites which every girl should follow. When those are completed she should study how to enhance her groomed natural beauty. Just 'being natural' is missing exciting opportunities in this day and age," Miss Burke warns, "for female competition is so strong in every walk of life that there is no place at all for the girl who remains unattractive."

Some of Miss Burke's beauty tricks are worth testing, as they are most inexpensive but very efficacious. She uses common table salt, for instance, two or three times a week to brush her teeth, in addition to a favoured dentifrice. She finds salt stimulating and healthy for a rub-down after a warm bath. She mixes raw oatmeal and milk into a paste for a facial masque and applies it after a thorough skin-cleansing, before relaxing for an hour.

"So many simple beauty treatments are available to the girl with a limited budget," she says, "and the cheapest and best of these is a good bar of soap. Daily bathing has become a national American habit, and no meticulous girl will don underclothes or dresses which are not spic and span."

According to Miss Burke every girl and woman should face herself candidly in a mirror and ask the question—"What is my best feature?" My eyes? My mouth? My hair? My teeth? Whatever it is dramatise that feature. Play it up. Make people remark about its beauty. Less attractive features will be thus dimmed.

This singer also has very decided ideas about colours. She has studied the blonde angle regarding colours diligently. Autumn is the blonde's best season she feels. At

that time she can make the most of deep wines, rich greens and warm browns. For blondes with blue eyes she advocates severe black and dark wine; for blondes with hazel eyes, or brown, vibrant greens and various brown shades are most flattering. For any blonde a medium blue is good—it accentuates the blondness of hair and fairness of skin. It is also most becoming if the skin is suntanned.

Her parting advice is especially for young girls: "Develop charm-



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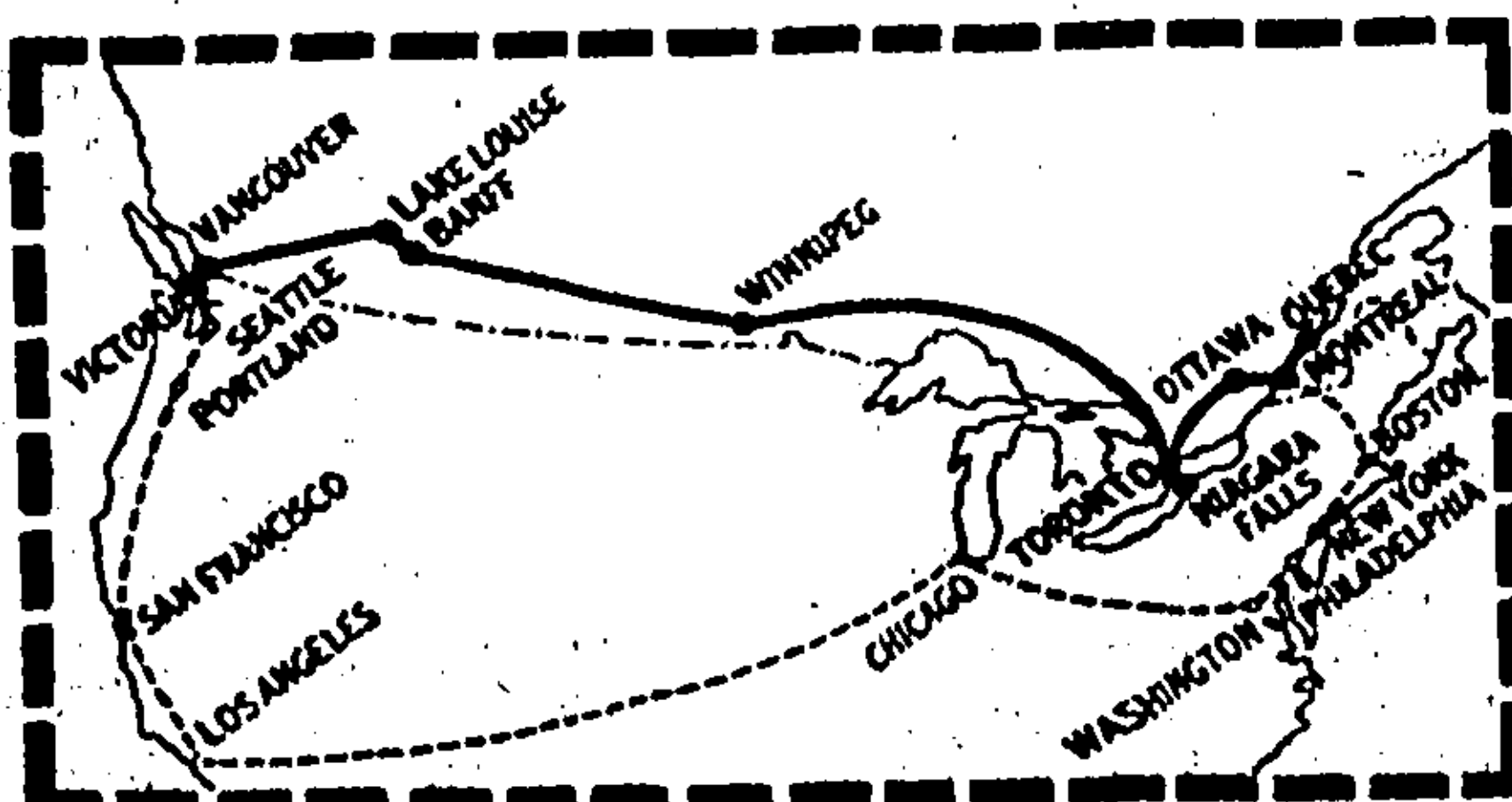
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MARSEILLES
LEAK IN BLOCKADE

VERY REVEALING FIGURES REGARDING AXIS ACQUISITIONS OF IMPORTS INTO UNOCCUPIED FRANCE WERE QUOTED BY MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WHEN REPLYING TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Dalton declared that figures, purporting to be official, showed that taking the two months December and January together, about 450 vessels, with cargoes of 500,000 tons, entered Marseilles and about 400 ships with cargoes of 136,000 tons left Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton continued: "A large number of reports from a variety of sources leave no doubt that the Germans take their pick of all incoming cargoes while the Italians are permitted to take smaller picks."

"Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half such imports are taken by the Axis. Many reports give the proportion as high as 80 per cent."

Principal commodities imported, Mr. Dalton said, were groundnuts, grain, fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs, skins, sugar, coffee, cocoa, wool, wines, spirits, oil and pig lead.

Darlan Statements

Asked whether any explanation was given by Admiral Dar-

lan and Vichy of the fact that they were transferring food from Marseilles and elsewhere to Germany while they were begging Britain for supplies of food, Mr. Dalton replied:

"ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND THEY ALL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES."

To a suggestion that it was time the practice of allowing French ships from the French empire overseas to pass unmolested through the Straits of Gibraltar should cease, Mr. Dalton said a number of interceptions had in fact taken place.

Some Exceptions

Referring to the recent incident Mr. Dalton declared it was not the case that ships were allowed to pass freely through the Straits all the time. Some exceptions had had to be made in recent months.

Later Mr. Dalton was asked if he would reconsider the decision to permit two foodships to pass unmolested to unoccupied France, now that it had been disclosed that the alleged gift of wheat by Germany to Vichy was part of a barter arrangement and that under this arrangement some of the foods which Vichy was to supply to Germany were to be imported through Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton declared that the omission of Vichy to disclose the facts about the barter deal when complaining of the British blockade would not redound to their credit.

Pledge Given

The British Government were in communication with the United States Government regarding the affair.

The British Government did not feel able to withdraw the pledge given the United States regarding these two ships but this did not imply that under present conditions they would be prepared to issue navicerts for the import into France of other supplies.—Reuter.

STERLING AREA
EXTENDED

The Treasury announces that an Order comes into force to-day under the Defence (Finance) Regulations with the effect of adding to the sterling area.

Firstly, the following territories under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, namely, French Equatorial Africa, the Cameroons under French mandate, French Oceania and French establishments in India, and secondly, Iceland and the Faroe Islands.—British Wireless.

450,000 ON STRIKE
IN COALFIELDS

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The strike was due to a deadlock over a new contract for the miners.—Reuter.

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Souza's Dazzling Double-Play

CHINESE BASEBALLERS SURPRISE RECREIO

By "Grandstand"

Massaging the shoots of Indian chucker Kassa Nazarin for 11 safeties in an aggressive display, the League-leading St. Joseph's edged the Indians out of the pennant race by 5-3, before a small Sabbath throng, in a game featured by brilliant fielding on both sides, despite the slippery condition of the ground.

"Fancy" rulings by the umpires on several occasions brought forth storms of protests from both sides and delayed the game more than was necessary.

Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, who went the route for the Saints, yielded five scattered blows, and only passed one Omarman to first, whilst Indian hurler Kassa Nazarin, although walking one, was combed for 11 safeties, four of which were bunched up in the third in a Collegian barrage which netted them three runs.

Blanking the Indians in the first canto, the Saints chalked up their first marker when Hank Ali made second on a wild heave, and scored on Dave "Bambino" Leonard's single to left. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard singled to advance Dave to third, but was picked off at the keystone in a bonehead attempt to pilfer second.

Both Sides Blanked

In the next session, both sides were blanked, although the Omarmen threatened to score with two on the paths.

In the third, the Indians staged an uprising. Huckjai Kitchell making first on a doubtful bunt-hit, whilst Kassa Nazarin dumped one which first-sacker Stan Leonard fumbled. Right gardener Cruz' expensive muff of Baby Abbas' long fly, helped by George Souza's wild heave, cleared the bases for an Indian three-run splurge.

In the Collegians home half of the stanza, a shower of base-hits, climaxed by Dave Leonard's two-run single, garnered three tallies for the Saints, who took the lead once more. Two singles, a sacrifice and an Indian miscue paved the way for another Collegian marker to cinch the game. For the remainder of the scuffle, Gonzales pitched shutout ball, retiring the Indians in one, two, three order.

Hussain's Humdinger

Dave Leonard, Hank Ali and Jindoo Hussain were each good for a brace of safeties, but it was the latter who was the big gun of the day, blasting a humdinger over left-fielder Savage Hassan, but forgetting to take the lead out of his shoes, the power-blow only going for a triple.

Dave Leonard drove in three runs for his team with timely hitting, and was robbed of a perfect batting day, when Savage Hassan made a circus catch to haul down his fly to deep left.

Three twin-killings were completed during the fracas, of which two were made by the Indians, when first-sacker Romeo Hamet spared Stan Leonard's foul fly and tossed out Dave Leonard, who attempted to sneak third, and again when Gonzales and Hussain were snuffed out on a Kitchell-Hamet-Ismail play.

The most brilliant double treasure of the game, however, was when George Souza scooped up Tarzan Ismail's hot grounder and tossed out Aroulli at second, keystone Ozo Ozoio pivoting to Stan Leonard for Ismail to be flagged at first.

Dull Game

Fielding a scratch nine in the day's opener, the Recreio Aces trounced the Filipinos 12-5 in a dull game witnessed by only a handful of die-hards.

Nick Beltrao worked on the hill for the Recs, in an initial mound performance, issued four free tickets to first, and was charged with one wild pitch, whilst Fili-Macao will be discussed.

pino hurler Dave Amper walked one.

In the initial frame, the Recs only managed a one-run lead, but a cluster of eight markers in the second heat, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Two-baggers were belted in by Nick Beltrao, Caco Marques and Odesta, whilst Marques, Toto Prata and Figueiredo all returned a two in three stick performance.

Night-Cap

In the night-cap, the Chinese Baseballers toppled the Aces 6-3 to revive hopes of finishing in First Division. The Lumen had the jump on the Recs by chalking up four runs in the first two frames, holding the Noronhamen to a lone counter.

After the Lumen had pushed two more markers over the saucer, Johnnie Alvares was lifted from the billock in favour of Gerry Gosano, who did not make an appearance till a late stage of the game.

Chuckling his usual brand of fire-ball, mound victor Denham Cray fanned six Noronhamen and walked three, whilst Alvares whiffed four and passed eight Lumen to first. Nick Beltrao returned a perfect 1,000 in his two batting chances, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves produced the only extra base blow, with a double.

CYCLONE STATISTICS

By "Grandstand"

Having completed their full League schedule, the Cyclone Softball Club statistics reveal some fine individual performances, although the team finished with a "games won" average of only .500.

Centre-fielder Baker topped the batting and slugging figures with .465 and .606 respectively — which is a good figure in anybody's League—the former including two doubles and a homer, whilst key-stoner Barney Abbas was credited with 10 stolen bases. On the whole however, the team showed batting weakness, the aggregate average being only .231.

In the fielding department, first-sacker Markar Jr., handled the most fielding chances with 115, and came through with a comfortable .922. Third-sacker Sherry Bux assisted in the most putouts, but bungled 15 chances.

Pitching 50 innings in eight starts, hurler Ploky Pineda won four and lost two, giving away 68 safeties, whilst "Kelly" Silva-Netto won only one of his four games.

Hindsnatcher Skelly Razack, who participated in two double-plays, fielded .881, but was guilty of five passed balls.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Wednesday, April 9, at 5.30 p.m. when the Interport will

STAND COURT MATCH TO-MORROW

As nett proceeds of the Colony tennis tournament will be donated to the Bomber Fund, Hong Kong Cricket Club have erected the stands somewhat earlier than usual this year and the first Stand Court match will be staged to-morrow afternoon between Tsui Wal-pui, former champion, and the promising K. H. Ip. This match should have been played yesterday but Ip was unable to turn out.



TIE IN GOLF COMPETITION

The third "South China Morning Post" War Fund Golf Competition, held at Fanling between February 14 and March 31, resulted in Capt. J. Reidy (16) and H. W. Beisley (20) returning cards of two up for a tie, and they will play off.

Surg Lieut.-Comdr. H. L. Cleave (16) and F. A. M. Elliott (20) had cards of one up. (Beisley had a score of two up on both the Old and new Courses).

The Staberona Competition at Fanling on March 28-29 was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

GOOD CONDITIONS FOR RIFLE MEETING

THE ANNUAL HONG KONG Rifle Association prize meeting opened yesterday at Kowloon City Rifle Range with the Rapid Firing and Snap-shooting Competitions, in which over 240 competitors took part, decided.

As is usual on the first day, the shooting was not of a high standard despite the fact that the competitors had no wind to contend with and the light was very good.

Sergeant Puran Singh, of Hong Kong Police Force, won the Rapid Firing Competition with a score of 21, while Sergeant Griffith, of Royal Marines, carried off honours in the snap-shooting competition with a score of 23.

The first and second runs of several team matches were also shot.

In the Light Automatic Match, the Challenge Cup presented by the former Acting Officer Administering the Government, His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, was won by No. 1 Sect. "D" Company of the 5/7 Rajputana Regt. with a score of 96.

Following are yesterday's results:

Light Automatic Match:—1. No. 1 Section "D" Coy., 5/7 Rajputana Regt., 96; 2. Drums, H. Q. Coy., 1st Middlesex Regt., 67; 3. No. 7 Section, "D" Coy. Royal Scots, 63; 4. No. 5 Section "C" Coy. Royal Scots, 62.

Snapshooting Competition (Open Prize List):—1. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 23; 2. L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., Sgt. Cole, R.M., and Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P., 22; 5. Cpl. Henley, R.A.F., 21; 6. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 20; 7. Sgt. Priddy, 1st Middlesex, 19; 8. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 18; 9. Sgt. Rushman, R.M., 18; 10. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 18.

Special Prize List:—2. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 13; 3. Pte. Bellchambers, 1st Middlesex 12 and Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 8; 5. L. A. C. Callaghan, R.A.F., 8; 6. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 5.

Rapid Firing Competition (Open Prize List):—1. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 21; 2. L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., 21; 3. Pte. Harris, 1st Middlesex, 20; 4. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 19; 5. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19; 6. S. Croft, R.M., 18; 7. Major White, M.C., Royal Scots, 18; 8. C. H. M. Nanku Singh 57 Rajputana, 18; 9. Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex 18; 10. Sepoy Said Ahmed, 57 Rajputana, 18.

Special Prize List:—1. L. A. Callaghan, R.A.F., 14; 2. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 14; 3. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex 11; 4. Pte. Bellchambers, 1st Middlesex, 10; 5. Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 10.

ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The golf teams to represent Kowloon and Happy Valley in the annual match on Good Friday have been selected as follows:

KOWLOON	HAPPY VALLEY
8.50 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
R. K. Collings	D. S. Edward
8.54 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
A. J. Dennis	K. S. Robertson
8.58 a.m.	2.05 p.m.
K. G. McKenzie	A. McKellar
9.02 p.m.	2.05 p.m.
T. B. Low	T. Low
9.06 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
H. F. Phillips	A. C. I. Bowker
9.10 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
A. I. Eastman	W. Sharp
9.14 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. C. Simpson	H. H. Mundy
9.18 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphrey
9.22 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
T. Lamb	L. M. S. Lloyd
9.26 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
F. C. Barry	A. H. Penn
9.30 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willeton
9.34 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. A. Lopes	N. J. Bebbington
9.38 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
F. F. Fincher	C. F. J. Simpson
9.42 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
S. Jex	N. J. Booker
9.46 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
J. McKelvie	G. Davies
9.50 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
W. Kershaw	W. Stoker
9.45 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
E. C. Fincher	N. D. Booker
(Reserve)	2.40 p.m.
J. Coles	M. A. Cairns
(Reserve)	

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STATEMENT ON WAR BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons yesterday that he proposed to make a statement on the war before Easter.—Reuter.

THREE DEMANDS BY THE AXIS

(Continued from Page 1)
"Developments in Yugoslavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out Germans," the statement adds.

Budapest Report

According to a Budapest report to Vichy, General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin yesterday on "all questions interesting German."

Mr. Eden In Greece

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WAS RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE OF GREECE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO ATHENS RADIO.—REUTER.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT THE BRITISH FORCES HAVE CAPTURED ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ERITREA.

A meeting of British and enemy forces in Libya, a continued British advance in Eritrea with the capture of more prisoners, and rapid progress in Abyssinia, were reported in an earlier G.H.Q. communique.

The communique stated that the advanced elements of our forces were on Monday in contact with enemy infantry and mechanized units in the Mersa Brega area, Libya.

"Despite extensive demolition on the main road to Asmara our advance in Eritrea continues."

DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS A FURTHER 800 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING ANOTHER BRIGADE COMMANDER.

Although communications in this area have been extensively damaged by the retreating Italian forces our advance from Direadawa astride the railway and road to Addis Ababa is making rapid progress.

In all other sectors the penetration into southern Abyssinia is being enlarged, particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolf.

Diredawa Retreat

Following their withdrawal from Diredawa, the Italians in eastern Abyssinia are not expected to offer strong resistance until the British forces reach the Awash River, about 100 miles from Addis Ababa, stated the British military spokesman in Cairo last night.

He added there was nothing noticeable of modern defences around Asmara.

Threat To Massawa

Possession of the Eritrean capital is not only a direct threat to Massawa, 75 miles away, but also promises finally to sever all communications between Abyssinia and Massawa, leaving a road to Assab, sole remaining link between Abyssinia and the Red Sea. ASMARA HAS 100,000 INHABITANTS, HALF OF WHOM ARE ITALIANS. IT IS 7,600 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL ON A PLATEAU.—REUTER.

ASMARA FALLS IN 5 DAYS

Asmara, capital of Eritrea, has fallen. This success, which is likely to prove the beginning of the end of resistance in Eritrea, follows only five days after the capture of Keren.

In that brief time the British and Indian forces, ably supported by the R.A.F., have pursued the dispirited Italians over 75 miles to yesterday's new resounding victory.

The way is now open for the next drive against Massawa, Italy's last port on the Red Sea.

The speed of the advance takes additional credit from the fact that the fighting before Keren was of a most exhausting kind, leading to the climax of a fortnight's sustained attacks under most difficult physical conditions of climate and terrain.

Duke's Problem

In their progress since Thursday the British forces have had no easy task, being faced by a steep climb mainly through a defile.

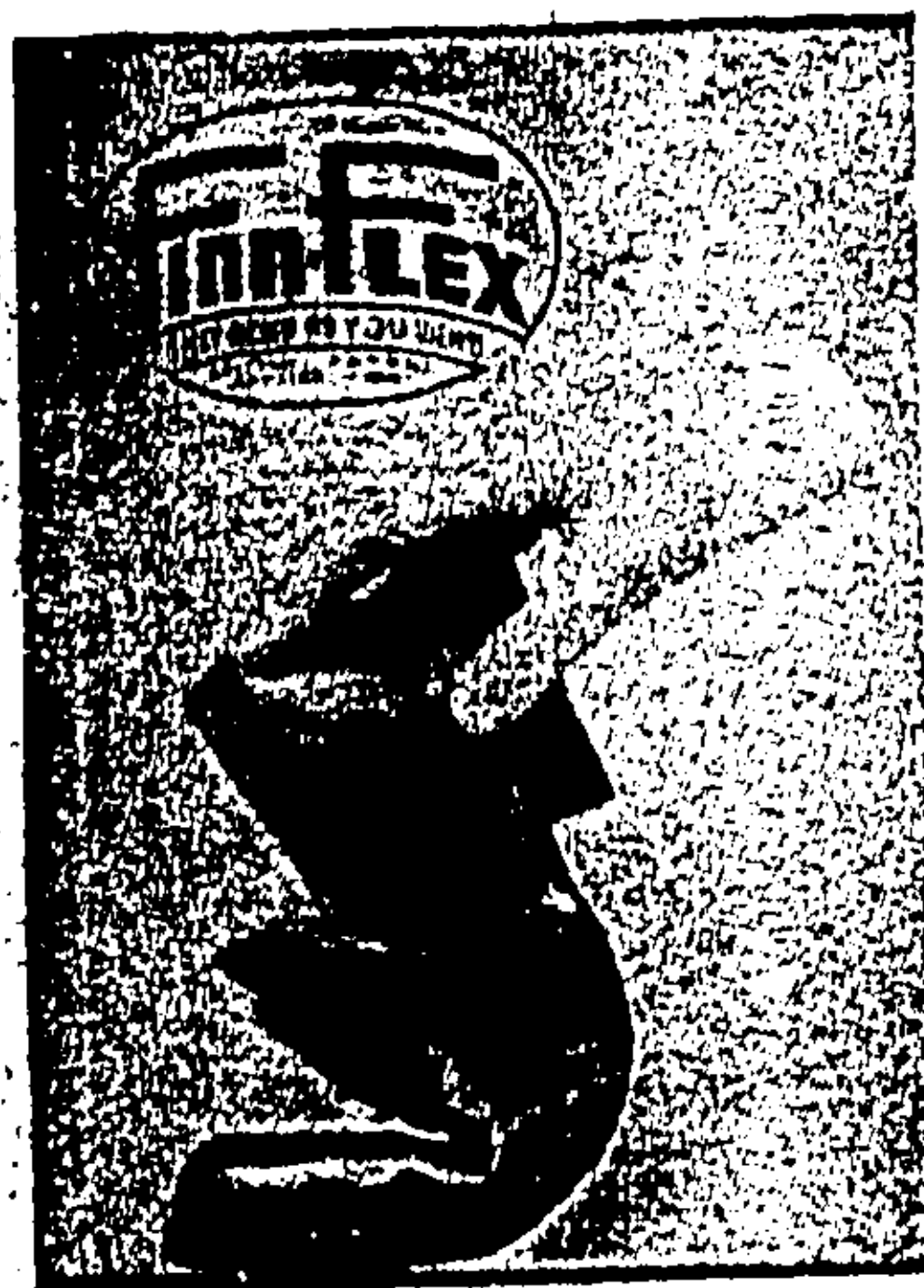
With the fall of Asmara the problem confronting the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, respecting the safety of Italians, including women and children, daily becomes more difficult.—Reuter.

DEATH

JOAQUIM BAPTISTA, at his residence, 5, St. Joseph's Terrace, Hong Kong, at 2.20 a.m. Wednesday, 2nd April, 1941. Aged 70 years. Funeral will pass the monument to-day (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy).

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WILL AOSTA SEEK A TRUCE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British advance on Asmara, capital of Eritrea, was so rapid that Italian guns and supplies were abandoned on the road by the retreating Fascists.

Advance British detachments frequently passed Italian troop remnants, leaving these to surrender to following units.

The capture of Asmara virtually ends the East African campaign, and Addis Ababa and Massawa are now the sole remaining major objectives, with the British driving hard on both.

Armistice Rumour

There are rumours to the effect that the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, has already put out feelers with a view to seeking an armistice, as a result of the fall of Dire Dawa.

The fall of Dire Dawa has cut Addis Ababa's railway communications and is now threatening to enclose the Italian settlers, which number some hundreds of thousands, in case of an advance on the capital by the Imperial troops and Abyssinian patriots.

Fears are expressed that the latter will not spare the civilian population but may retaliate for Italian cruelty when the country passed into their hands.

The armistice would involve the complete surrender of the Italian army under the Duke of Aosta of between 150,000 to 200,000 men.

— International News Service.

U.S. TO IGNORE PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German and Italian protest in Washington, demanding the release of the ships and crews seized by the United States, was based on grounds of illegal seizure of private property under international law guaranteeing freedom of shipping in "open" territorial waters.

The demand was also based on the German-American post-World War treaty of friendship and commerce.

It is authoritatively learned that

Surprise Move By Yugoslavian Cabinet

LYONS CROWD PROVIDES SHOCK FOR NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Undeterred by the police, huge crowds of Frenchmen demonstrated before the United States Consulate at Lyons yesterday.

The crowds cheered President Roosevelt and Yugoslavia.—International Service.

U.S. CONVOY SYSTEM POSSIBLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt yesterday disclosed he has already allocated \$1,080,000,000 to the lease and lend programme and hinted he is considering conveying supplies by American warships.

Where he had previously ignored press conference questions on the matter the President yesterday answered differently, saying the question had been studied for a year and a half and was still being considered.

The President refused to comment further.

The funds allocated are presumably destined for Britain and Greece, and probably China, but the President only said they were "going to more than one country."

— International News Service.

General Simovitch Makes Offer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SUGGESTION THAT YUGOSLAVIA, BOLSTERED BY A RENEWAL OF PLEDGES OF BRITISH AND UNITED STATES MATERIAL SUPPORT IN THE EVENT OF A GERMAN ATTACK, HAS WON THE FIRST ROUND IN THE BATTLE OF NERVES WITH THE AXIS, COMES IN LATEST REPORTS FROM BELGRADE.

The International News correspondent in the Yugoslavian capital says that Italian intervention has been sought to persuade Hitler to "call off the hounds" and that Yugoslavia has suggested that she be permitted to chart her new course of national unity and continued peace under the aegis of Mussolini!

The Duce is reported to have accepted a proposal by General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, that the Yugoslav Foreign Minister visit Rome to discuss a settlement as soon as Mr. Matsuoka leaves.

It was semi-officially stated in Belgrade yesterday that "the internal situation has been clarified, and it is now demonstrated that the Government represents not only Serbia but all Yugoslavia."

LUFTHANSA HANGARS SEIZED AT LIMA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peruvian troops yesterday occupied the hangars and workshops of the German Lufthansa line at Lima airport and arrested two managers and seized two planes.

It is believed Peru intends to use the planes as "spotters" for the two fleeing German freighters.—International News Service.

ANTI-SABOTAGE PLAN DROPPED

With reference to Government request for volunteers to provide Anti-Sabotage guards on board ships in Hong Kong Harbour, it is now notified that Government has decided not to enrol volunteers for this duty.

The willingness of all those who came forward in answer to Government's appeal is much appreciated.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE SPEEDING TO DOOM

Fresh subsidence of the slopes upon which Government House stands may compel early abandonment of the official residence, the "China Mail" learned this morning.

New, and more alarming cracks have occurred, extending deeper

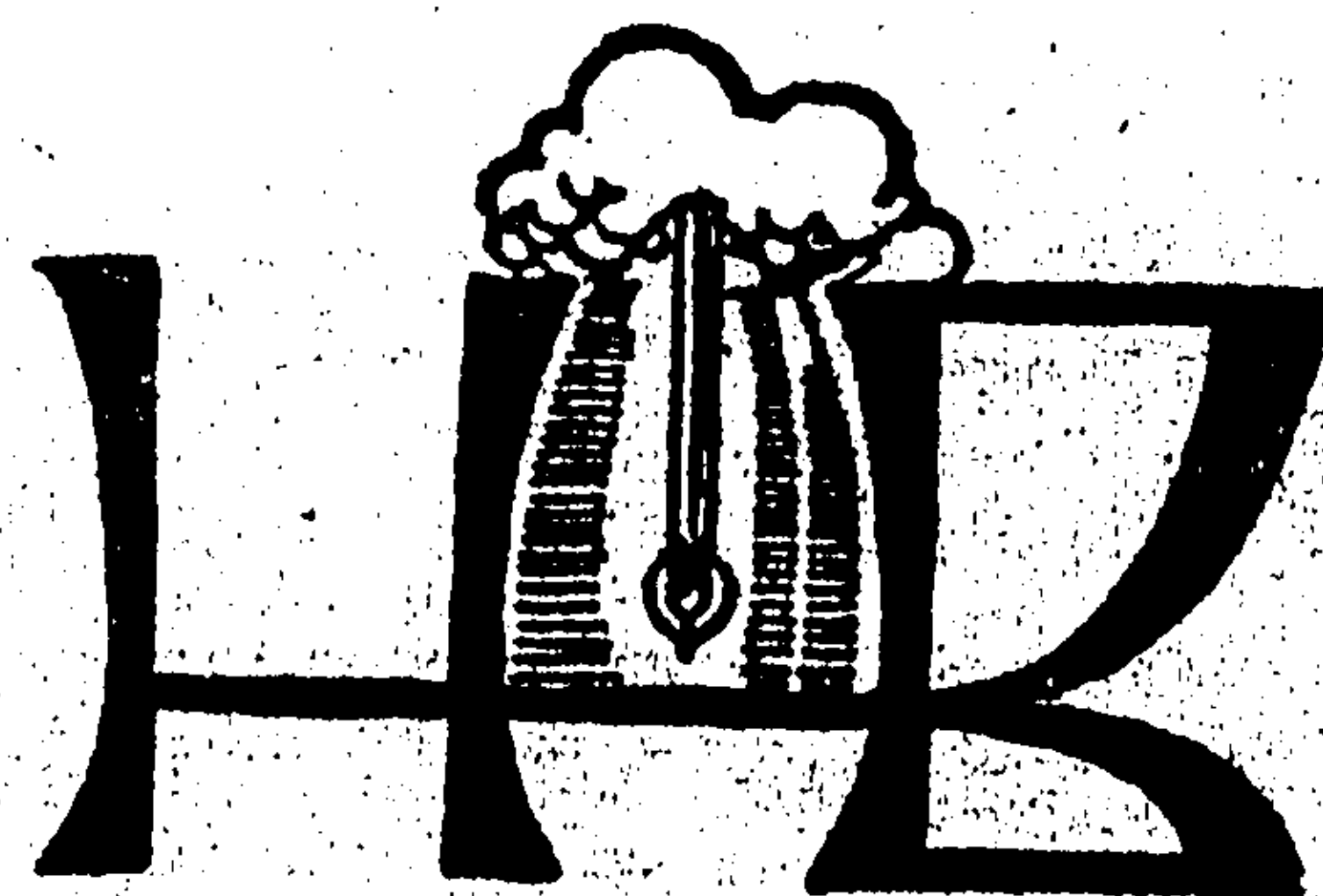
into the main structure, and His Excellency the Governor has already moved out of that part of Government House which faces the sea.

Impression when the cracks first appeared was that only one-third of the building was affected, but further settling has involved the centre portion and the danger in the portion originally affected has seriously increased.

At some points, the walls from ground to roof have cracks from two to four inches wide, and part of the building is leaning forward off the plumb.

It is understood that if His Excellency is compelled to abandon Government House, he will take up temporary residence at Admiralty House.

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"A FAMOUS VICTORY"

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Italian Navy's Puerile Exhibition

CONGRATULATIONS from the British Government have been sent to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian fleet.

This was disclosed in the House of Lords yesterday by the Leader of the House, Lord Moyne, who said: "To-day our minds are filled with the gallantry of the forces engaged off Matapan and with the brilliant skill of their leadership."

"This war has taught us no new lessons to add to the courage and brilliancy with which we have maintained our sea power. These qualities are traditional."

AIRMEN'S ROLE IN NAVAL VICTORY

"We found the Italian ships steaming like billyho for home and fairly plastered them."

This was a squadron leader's description of one R.A.F. attack on the Italians during Friday's naval battle.

This squadron was en route for a normal raid on Tripoli when it received news of the war at sea and cheerfully altered direction.

"We hit one big ship twice amidships," he said, "and she stopped with clouds of black and yellow smoke shooting up 200 feet."

News of the Italian panic comes from the leader of another R.A.F. attack.

In Confusion

"We found the Italians had fled in great confusion, zigzagging violently and occasionally getting in each other's way," he said.

He added simply "We bombed them and increased the confusion."—Reuter.

PERUVIAN WARSHIP IN PURSUIT

The Peruvian destroyers Almirante Guise and Almirante Villar were despatched by the naval authorities to Callao to chase two German ships that weighed anchor on Monday night and made for the high seas.

It is thought they would be intercepted by the British warship Prince Henry, which visited Callao last week.—Reuter.

"The Battle of Cyrenaica was a model combination between land, air and sea forces, and the Battle of Matapan has offered a perfect example of cooperation between the Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. which is based on the island of Crete."

"At last the training and efficiency of the Fleet has had its reward. Throughout the war it has faced the methods of submarines, a warfare which the Germans applied to what was previously looked upon as a system of indiscriminate murder."

Bitter Experience

"The Nazis have profited by the bitter experience of the Graf Spee, which with its heavier armament was driven to destruction by the accurate gunners of Archilles, Ajax and Exeter, and have, since that experience, taken care that their Italian surface ships shall never meet their match in size or arms but shall run away from smaller units to avoid disaster."

"The kill of Admiral Cunningham's combined operations has completely defeated this method."

"Bombing from the air prevented the Italian units profiting from their additional speed in flight, and have enabled our ships to finish their work."

No Precedent

"We have become accustomed to such disproportionate casualties between victors and vanquished as has reminded us of the wars between the Persians and Greeks on the classic battlegrounds of the Near East."

"But not even the Battle of Salamis, where Persian losses were five times as great as those of the Greeks, can provide a precedent for the overwhelming disaster to the Italian fleet without the cost to the victors of a single man or ship." (Cheers)—Reuter.

Relative Strength

The normal effect of Britain's naval victory off Crete is enhanced by an authoritative statement of the relative strength of the forces engaged.

The statement gives the following figures:

British—Three battleships, one aircraft-carrier, four cruisers, and destroyers.

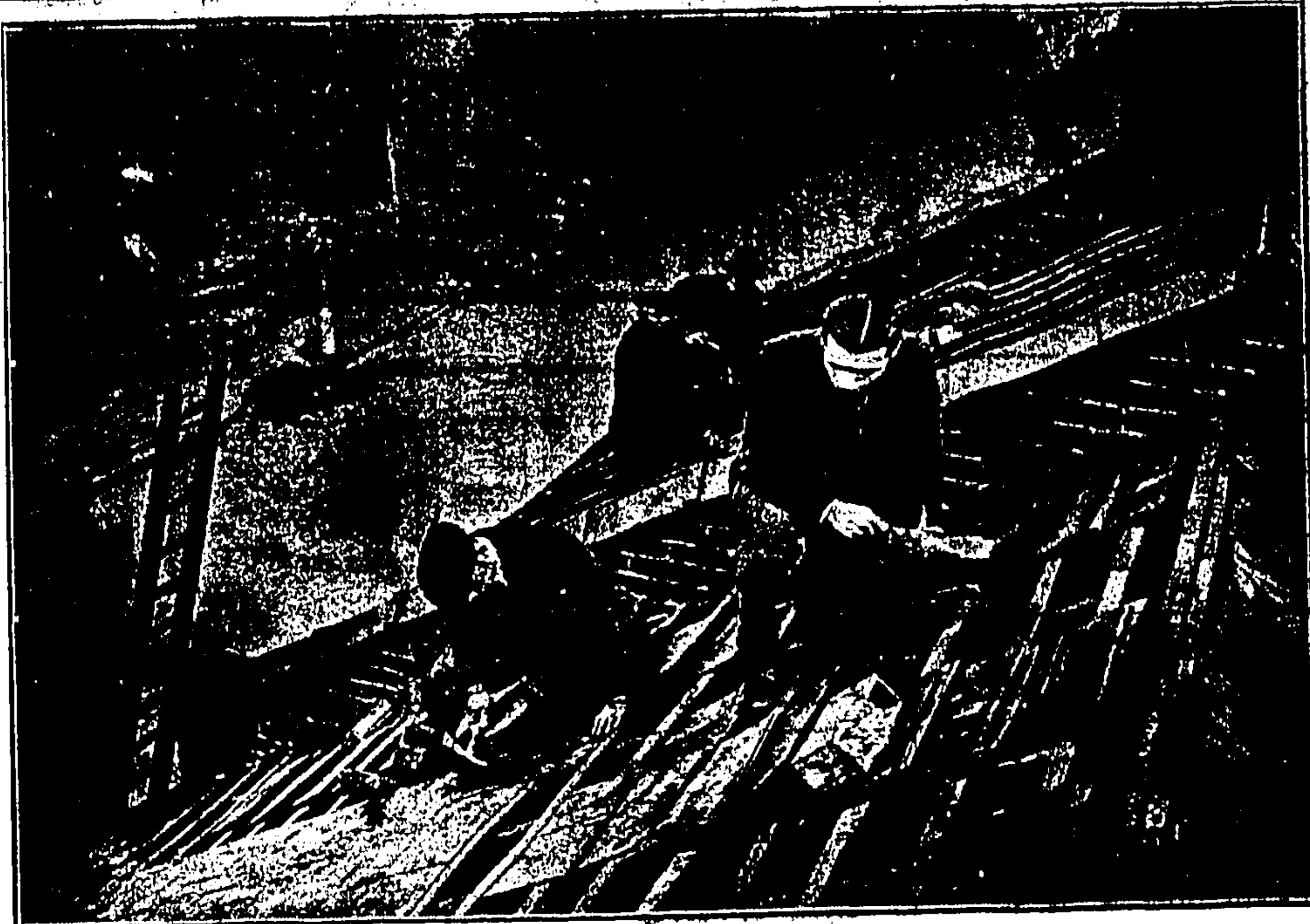
Greek—some destroyers.

Italians—three battleships, 11 cruisers and 14 destroyers.—British Wireless.

U.S. ENTRY PROPHECY

THE STOCKHOLM "POSTEN" DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE DAY IS NOT Distant WHEN UNITED STATES WARSHIPS WILL OPERATE WITH THE ROYAL NAVY.

It will be an historical battle against German attempts to sink British and American tonnage, says the paper, and one is tempted to prophesy that it cannot succeed against overwhelmingly superior powers.—Reuter.



"BLITZED" HOUSES ARE BEING REPAIRED.—Permanent repairs are being executed to bombed houses by local councils who have the Ministry of Health's approval. In the London borough where this picture was taken, the local council have their employees hard to work on the damaged houses. (Copyright, Fox).

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LONGMORE ON R.A.F. FEATS

THE IMPORTANT PART played by the R.A.F. in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and in the Mediterranean was emphasised by Chief Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from Cairo yesterday on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft had been destroyed in the Middle East and paid a great tribute to the magnificent defence of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissance in cooperation with the Navy.

Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. sea reconnaissance aircraft located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements. Acting on this information R.A.F. bombers attacked, hit and crippled one, and possibly two, of the cruisers and one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

Storms To Weather

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction "but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet."

He concluded by wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.—Reuter.

FRANCO 'AMNESTY'

FORTY THOUSAND POLITICAL PRISONERS, ACCUSED OF REBELLION, WILL BE LIBERATED UNDER A LAW SIGNED BY GENERAL FRANCO YESTERDAY, THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR, SAYS A MADRID DESPATCH TO THE FRENCH OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

The men to be freed are ex-soldiers of the Republican Army or civilians who supported the Republican regime.

Their liberation is conditional and will become final only after each case has been individually examined.—Reuter.

BURMA RAILWAY PROPOSALS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA TO BUILD A RAILWAY LINE FROM RAILHEAD AT LASHIO TO THE FRONTIER, WHICH WILL LINK UP THE BURMA RAILWAY SYSTEM WITH THAT OF CHINA, STATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BURMA YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A COMMONS QUESTION.

It is understood that this is a long term rather than a short-term plan, rendered necessary by the fact that the Burma-Yunnan road has proved to be inadequate for most general requirements of traffic between the two countries.—Reuter.

BLUE STOCKINGS SURPRISE EVEN THEMSELVES

SHOULD WAR-TIME CONDITIONS BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH BRITAIN'S TRADITIONAL SUNDAY?

The House of Commons, after a spirited debate yesterday, decided that the traditional Sunday must be upheld. The debate arose out of a Government order enabling theatres to open on Sundays.

Government, however, made it clear that no political implications were involved and every member was free to vote according to the dictates of his own feelings.

Member after member argued in the Commons that theatres should have the same freedom as the B.B.C. and cinemas. The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the Government, declared that both soldiers and workers needed these facilities.

Order Defeated

But, meanwhile, opponents of the order were busy in the lobbies rounding up their supporters.

and, rather to their own surprise, says Reuter's lobby correspondent, they won.

On a free vote the order enabling theatres to open on Sundays was defeated by 144 votes against 136.—Reuter.

RECIPROCAL USE OF AIRFIELDS

The United States and Mexico yesterday signed a convention providing for the reciprocal use of air fields.

This will permit United States planes to reach Panama in the shortest possible time.—Reuter.

TERRIFIC HAVOC BY GIANT R.A.F. BOMBS

Emden Gets First Taste Of Power Of New 'Planes

SOME IDEA OF THE terrific devastation which followed the visit of the R.A.F. to the German industrial centre of Emden on Monday night may be gathered from a report by the Air Ministry news service.

This mentions that six of the bombs dropped — the most powerful ever carried in a bomber — may be compared with the ordinary bombs carried both by the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe "as the shells of howitzers to those of field-guns."

A stick of incendiaries from one of the first aircraft over Emden started three fires in the centre of the city, by the light of which streets could be seen.

The fires made an ideal aiming point.

One observer, describing the fall of a huge bomb, said there was a colossal flash and the crew of the machine saw great masses of debris flung high into the air.

Enormous Destruction

From the height the machine was flying it was obvious these were no ordinary fragments, proving enormous destruction had been done.

Moreover, the debris must have been thrown to a great height as there was a distinct interval before it settled down again.

When another bomb went down the pilot, who had been in 30 previous raids, said he had never seen so large a flash.

German Admission

"It was a gigantic arc-welding flash, blind white."

As the aircraft circle the town before leaving, fires in the town could be seen increasing in fury.

ANOTHER OBSERVER SAID IT SEEMED AS IF A WHOLE BUILDING HAD BEEN THROWN INTO THE AIR.

The effectiveness of the bombs impressed the Germans, who made the unusual admission in their official communique of "comparatively large damage to buildings." — Reuter.

SHANGHAI POLITICS

BOTH THE ANNUAL MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF RATEPAYERS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 17. IT IS UNDERSTOOD ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM SHANGHAI.

The special meeting is to pass the new health laws.

Meanwhile, it is stressed that yesterday's statement by Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, on the new composition of the Council was not an official Council statement, but one which he was authorised to make by the British, American and Japanese Consuls. — Reuter.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Fung Luk, 21, unemployed, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing a wallet containing \$100 from Ho Kui, 36, accountant, at the Vehicular Wharf yesterday.

The theft occurred while complainant was buying his monthly ticket at the wharf.

Defendant had a previous conviction.

LADY CLARK-KERR

Lady Clark Kerr did not accompany her husband, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, when he left Shanghai for Chungking yesterday.

She is reported to be shortly leaving for Chile to visit her family. — Reuter.

FRENCH HARBOURS BLOWN TO BITS

The "Stockholm Nyheter" publishes letters from France, one of which declares that British attacks on French harbours have blown these harbours to bits. — Reuter.

VICHY PROTEST TO LONDON

A protest was addressed by the French Government to London after the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram received in Berne last night.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchantships by British naval units has always ended in the capture of the vessels in question, "even when they carried no cargo."

The view was expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.

Note Handed In

A Washington announcement says that the Vichy Note of protest to Britain concerning Sunday's brush between British warships and French coastal batteries on the Algerian coast, has now been handed to the State Department for transmission to Britain.

The Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, with a request that it should be forwarded to London. — Reuter.

Should Be Apology!

Reports from foreign sources refer to the possibility of the Vichy Government addressing a protest to Britain on the recent incident off the Algerian coast, when French batteries fired at British naval units.

No such protest has reached London and in view of the facts some surprise has been expressed in official quarters in London at the suggestion.

French shore batteries opened fire on British warships engaged in the legitimate exercise of belligerent rights. Our ships were in self defence compelled to return the fire but subsequently they were subjected on their way to port to three separate bombing attacks by French aircraft.

The facts of the case appear to offer the Vichy Government an opportunity for apology rather than protest. — British Wireless.

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

ANOTHER HEAVY AIR RAID on Tripoli is a feature of an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday relating continued activity by British, South African and Australian planes in the African theatres of war.

During the night of March 30, our bombers heavily attacked enemy merchantships and docks at Tripoli.

Enemy aerodromes and concentrations of transport in Tripolitania were bombed and machine-gunned and damage inflicted on dispersed aircraft and vehicles.

Enemy bombers which tried to raid Ledeabya on Monday were intercepted by Australian fighters. One Messerschmidt was shot down and a number of Bredas, 20s (Italian dive-bombers) were damaged.

Our bombers on Monday made heavy attacks on enemy positions north of Telesan and on the railway station at Abmars, causing several fires.

Dessle Raid

In the Dessle-Assab area large numbers of motor transport vehicles were damaged by bombs and machine-gun attacks and a depot at Tandeho and a petrol dump north-east of Dessle were also bombed.

South African aircraft bombed troops' quarters and started fires among military buildings in villages in southern Abyssinia.

In Albania on Monday a successful raid was made on troops and motor transport moving on the Buzi-Glave road. Direct hits were observed on the road and on enemy vehicles. From all the above operations all British aircraft returned safely with one exception. — Reuter.

AXIS SHIPS SET ON FIRE

The German steamer Elsenach (4,177 tons) and the Italian vessel Fella (8,042 tons) were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas yesterday.

The crews were arrested and are now in gaol at San Jose, Costa Rica, awaiting trial. — Reuter.

THOUSAND KILLED ON CLYDESIDE

Altogether 1,100 were killed in the German air raids of March 13 and 14 on the Clydeside area and 1,000 seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday. — Reuter.

A BRITISH EMPIRE ACHIEVEMENT

The "Providence Journal" of Boston says that to say that the British are accomplishing this or planning that, as in Africa, Greece and Singapore, is only partly true.

What is being made is an Empire effort in which the contributions of the Dominions and colonies are becoming of larger actual and relative importance.

Their manpower is exceptionally competent and physically and mentally fit, and it is being not merely trained in generous quantities but equipped to the fullest extent possible with the products of Dominion factories that are being brought into play with commendable rapidity.

It is the Empire effort which has enabled the British to deal with situations like that in Africa, to act defensively for the time being, like in the Far East, to go to Greece in strength and to plan with some confidence for the future.

The British Navy and the British Merchant Marine tie the entire far-flung effort together. — Reuter.

PUT OUT FIRE BOMB ON 99TH BIRTHDAY

On her ninety-ninth birthday Mrs. Lillian Halle heard an incendiary bomb crash through the roof of her house in Chesterton Road, Ladbroke Grove, London.

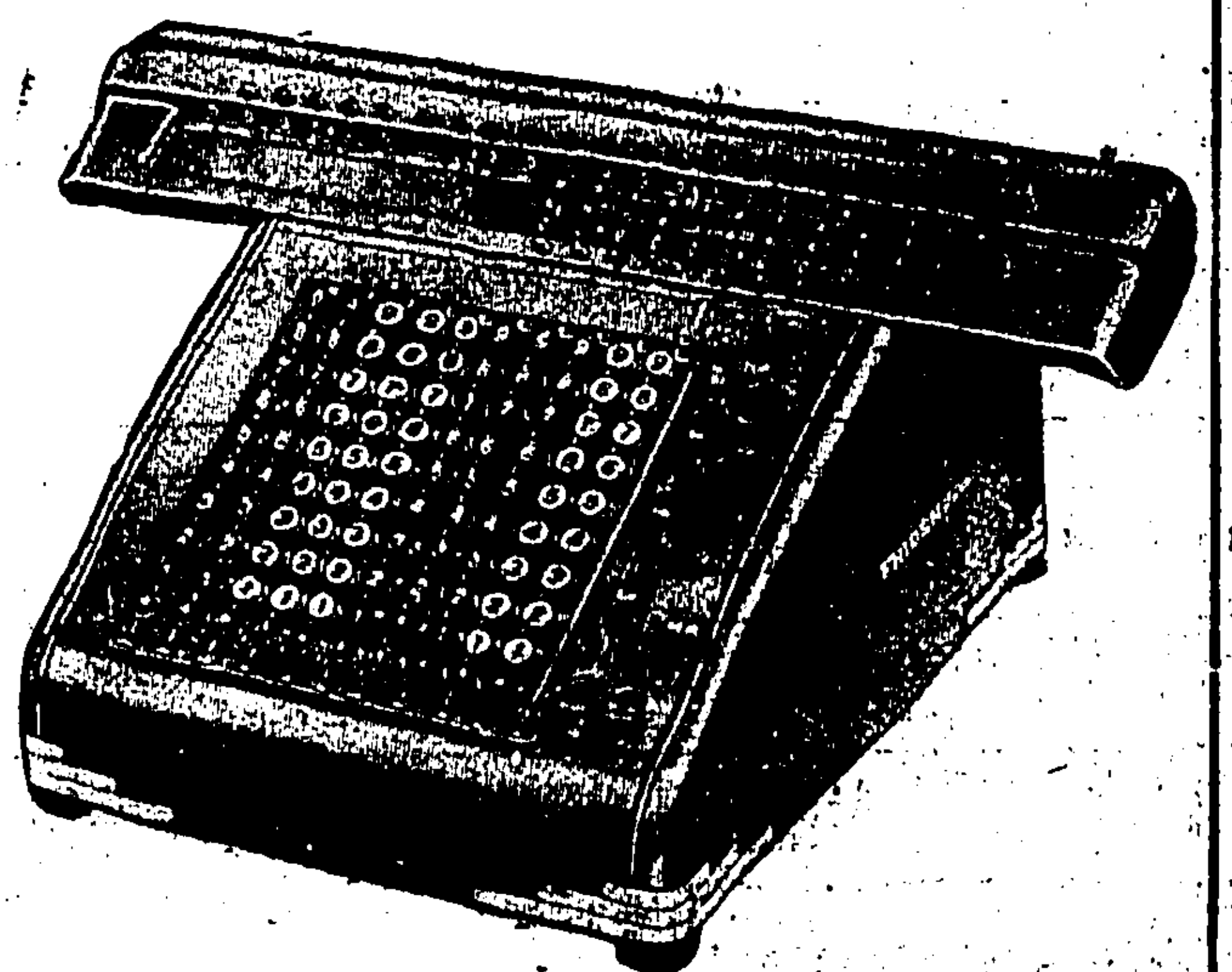
She at once carried sand and water to the top of the house and put out the bomb.

Mr. R. C. D. Jenkins, Mayor of Kensington, is recommending her for a civilian bravery award.

A neighbour said: "Not until she had effectively dealt with the fire did Mrs. Halle call for help."

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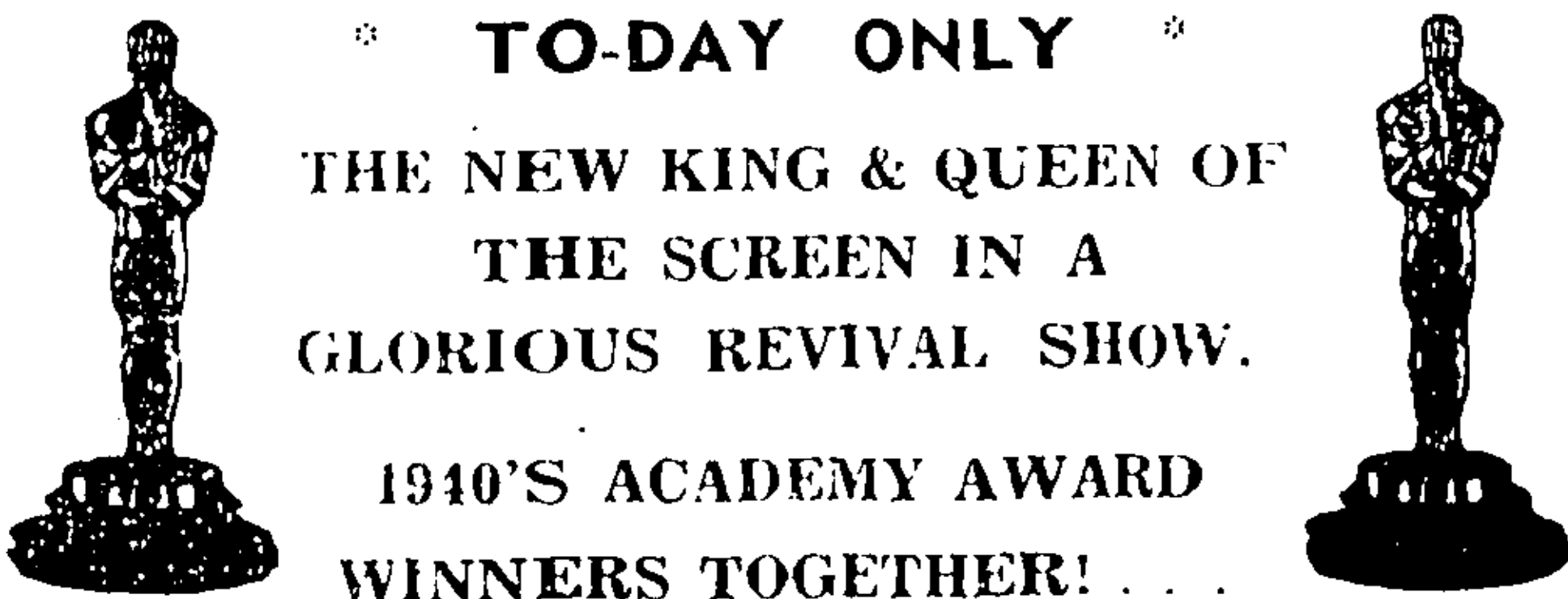
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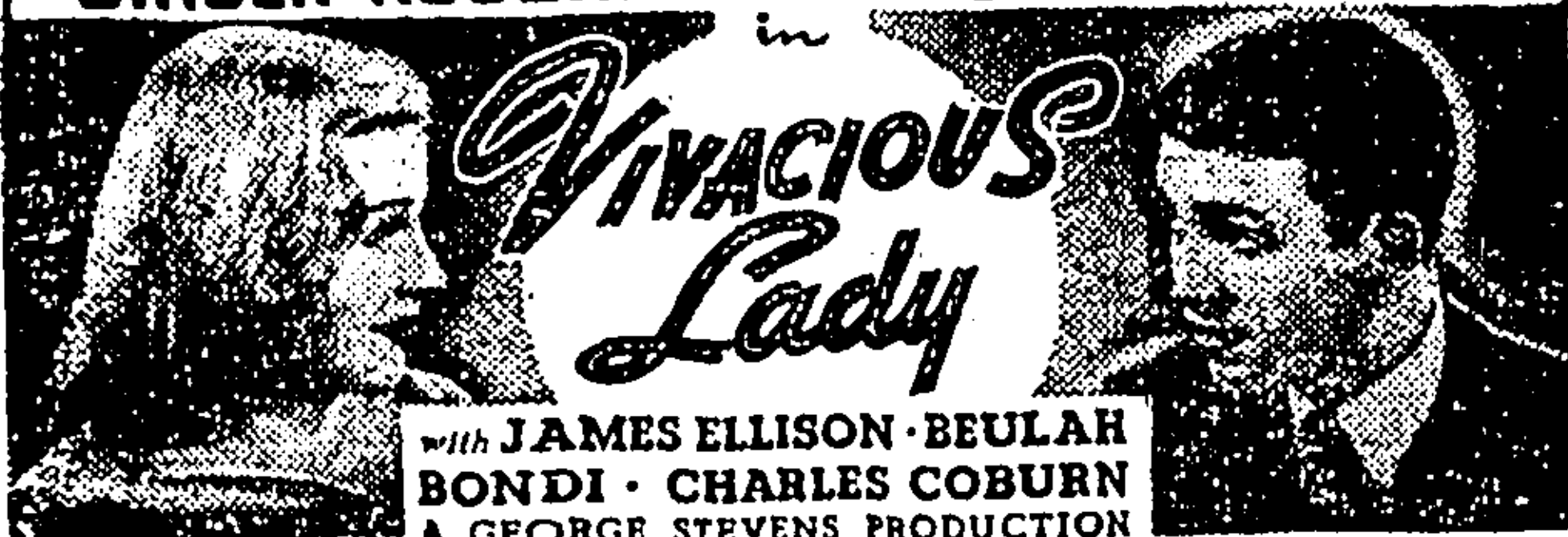
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TALKS ON BLOCKADE ISSUES

Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American official representatives on certain aspects of Britain's blockade policy, states Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on blockade.

Interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodships "for starving France" is to be found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were taken into Gibraltar. One contained nothing but bananas, while the other, in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

It these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

Nazi Shortages

Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be eating into her stocks of oil, despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies if heavy attacks on her refineries continue, if the Navy retains controls of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land.—Reuter.

LATEST SHIPPING LOSSES

Mercantile losses due to enemy action for the week ended midnight on March 23, which totalled 59,141 tons, are considerably less than in the preceding three weeks since the Battle of the Atlantic started.

Naval circles emphasise it must not be assumed that this great menace to the coming British victory is yet mastered. It is freely recognised that losses in the coming weeks may be heavy.

This prospect, however, is not regarded as a cause for despondency and it is emphasised in naval circles that the proper method to assess losses is to study the average weekly figures of losses over a period of months rather than those of individual weeks.

Weekly average in August was 84,000 tons, September 103,000 tons, October 86,000, November 86,000, December 70,000, January 55,000 and February 74,000.

For three weeks of March average weekly losses were 84,000 tons.

Average weekly loss from the beginning, excluding the Dunkirk period, is 65,000 tons.—British Wireless.

ITALIAN UNITS SHATTERED

Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, stated Athens radio yesterday quoting a Greek Press Ministry bulletin.—Reuter.

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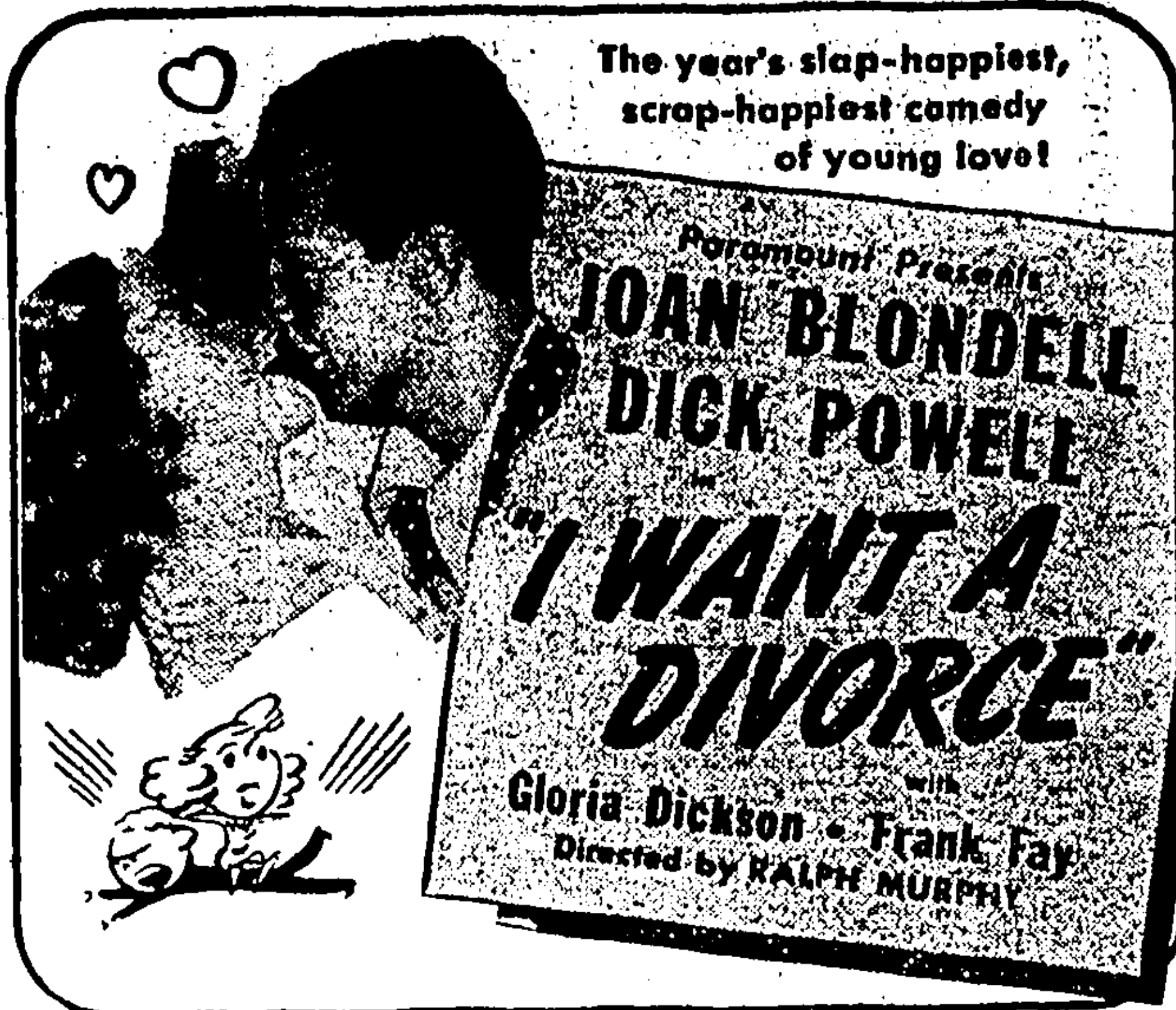
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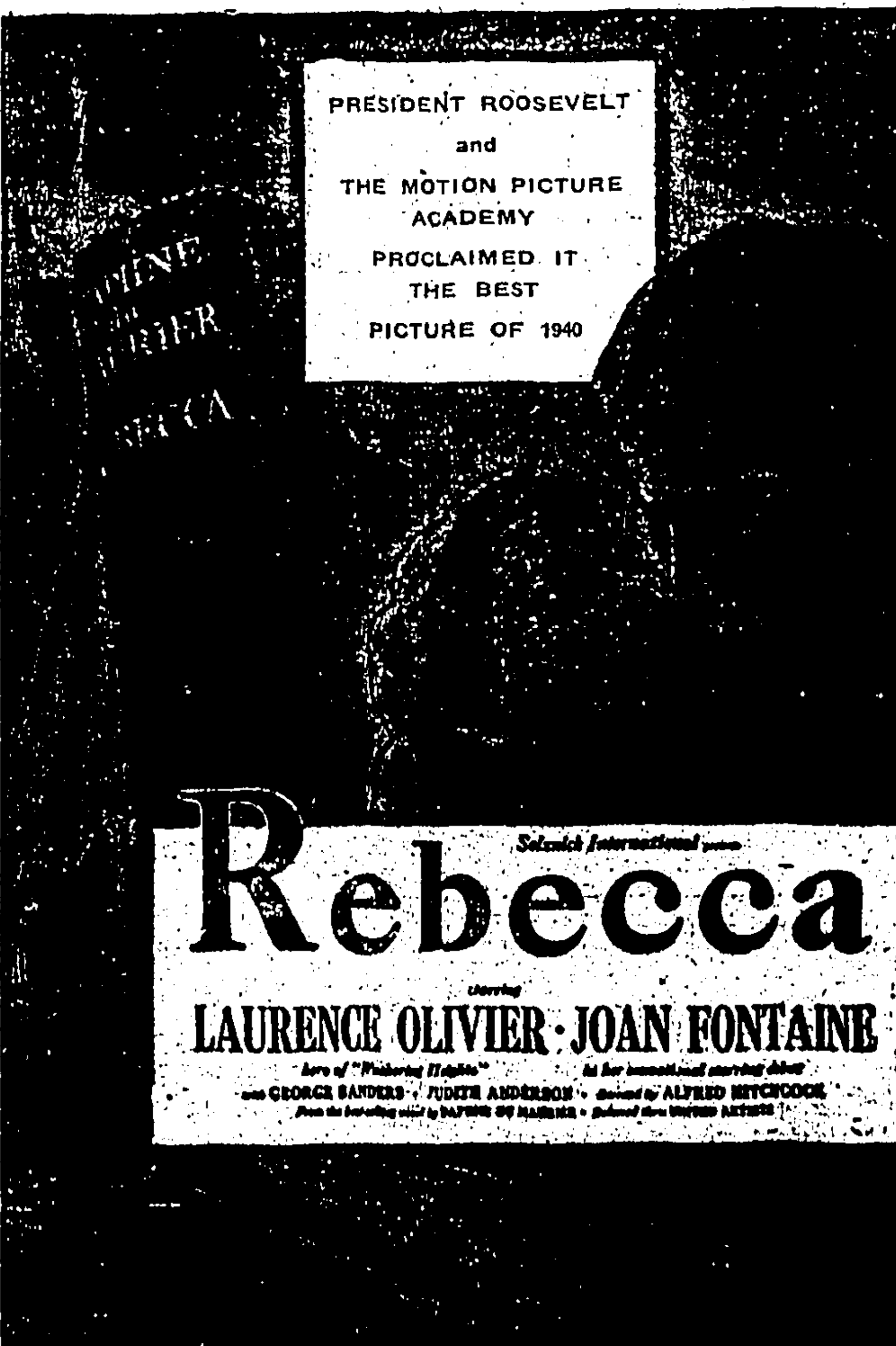
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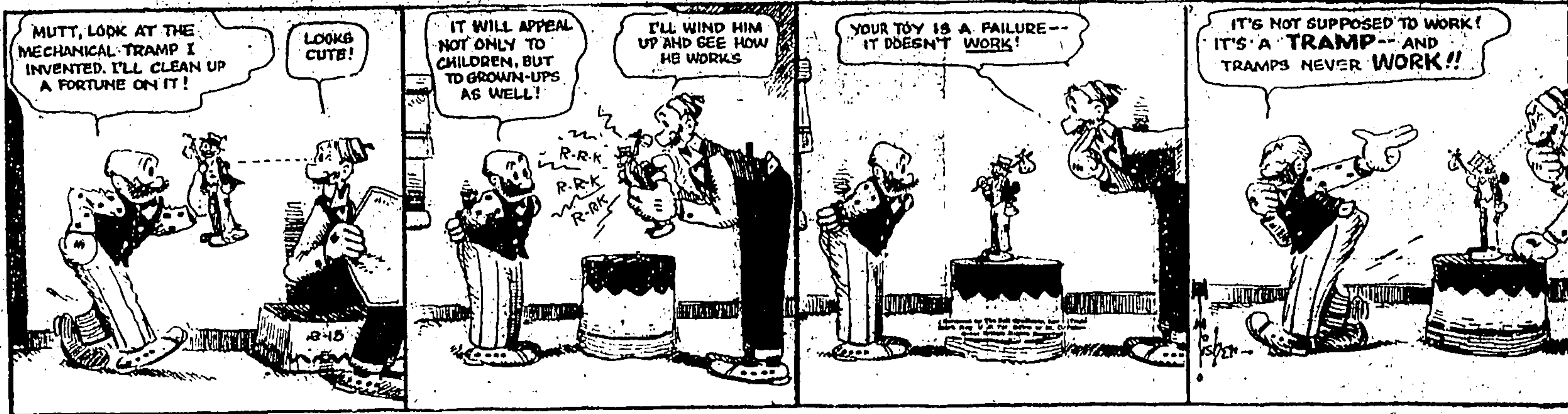
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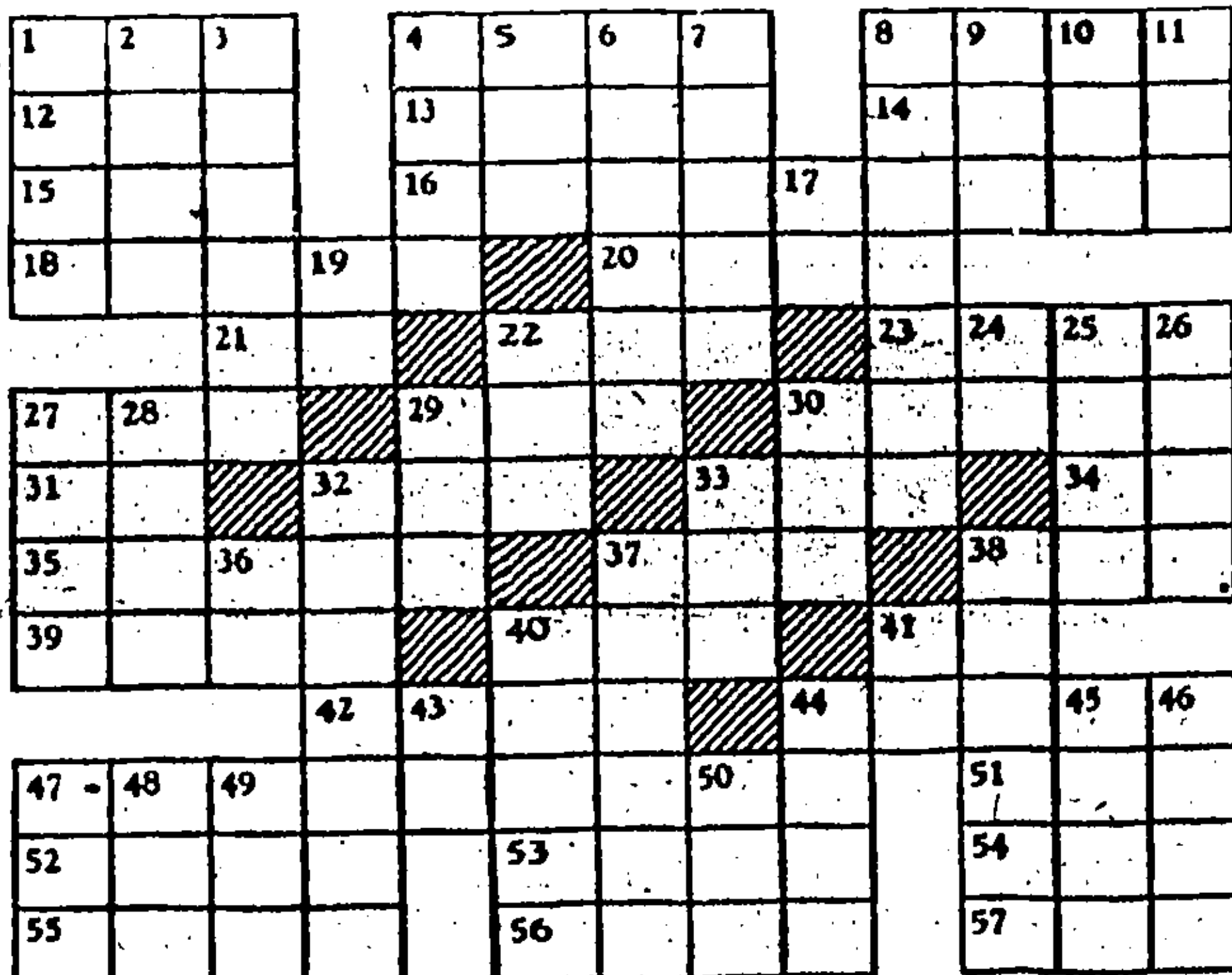
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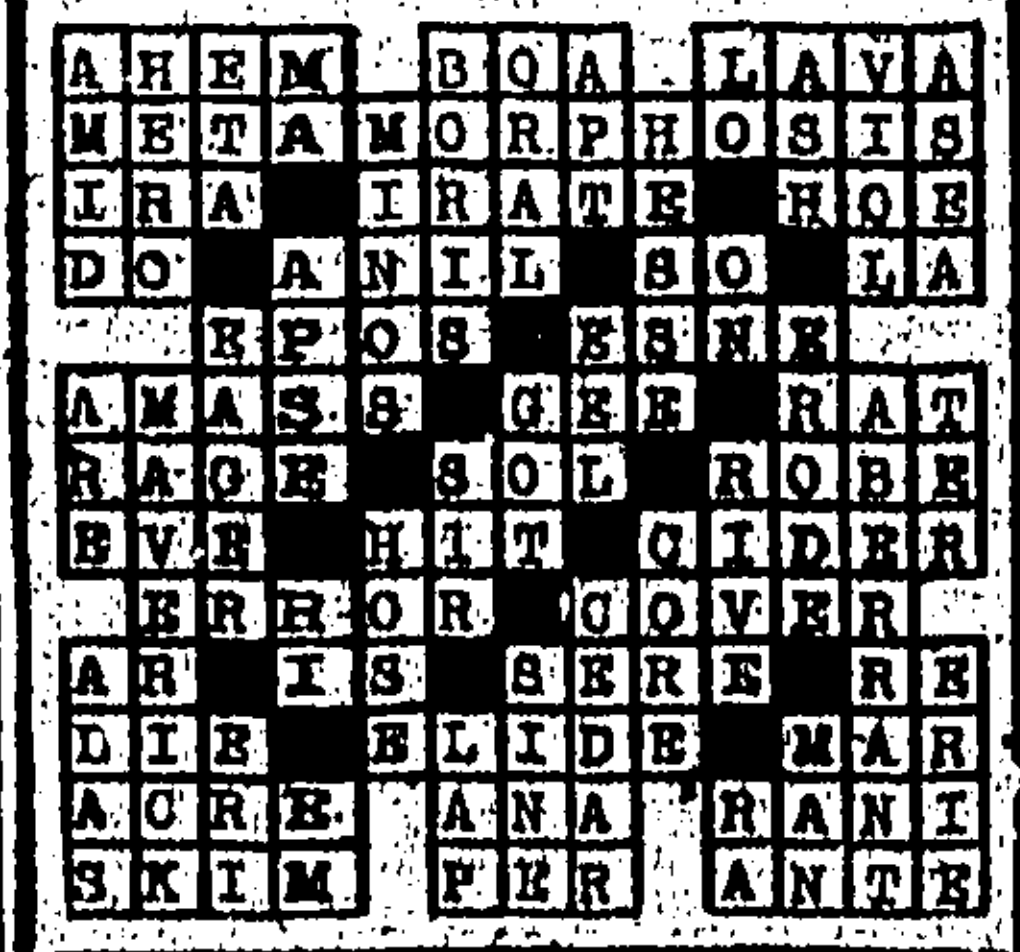


HORIZONTAL
1 Cushion
4 Colloquial mother
8 Web-like membrane
12 Slender final
13 Cry of sorrow
14 Among
15 Bulgarian coin
16 To harass
18 Lock of hair
20 Inclination
21 Artificial language
22 Music: high
23 Preposition
27 Cereal grass
29 Feminine pronoun
30 Jester
31 Man's nickname
32 Body of water
33 Fish eggs
34 Butterfly
35 Enclosing structure
37 Rodent
38 Tavern
39 To burn
40 To cut
41 Upon
42 Image

44 To split
47 To dislike intensely
51 Period of time
52 Jump
53 Pertaining to the ears
54 Iniquity
55 Allows
56 Remainder
57 Beverage

VERTICAL
1 Animal skin
2 Imitator
3 To amuse
4 Charts
5 Malt beverage
6 Without feeling
7 Item of property
8 Pertaining to the sense of touch
9 Ostrich-like bird
10 Illumined
11 Fruit drink
17 Printer's measure
19 Thus
22 Cry of triumph
24 Negative
25 Exact likeness
26 Siberian river
27 Dolts
28 To the sheltered side
29 To understand
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FAITH IN AXIS SHAKEN

The Stockholm newspaper "Kuriren" emphasises the embarrassment of Mr. Matsuoka's presence in Berlin and considers that the Yugoslav coup has shaken faith in the great internal strength of the Axis Pact.

The whole world has seen that there are parts of the proud building which are very rickety. Yugoslavia's firm behaviour is a message to all peoples still free not to sell their freedom or honour.

The paper refers to the history of Yugoslav problems and conflicts, considering the root of the Yugoslav coup to be found in the same old refusal of Serbia to surrender to a great power.

Britain is fighting for her life but also for a world in which small states will have a possibility of living.

The Gothenburg "Posten" says: That events in Belgrade are a great and unexpected success for England is obvious.

It is certainly said in a telegram from Belgrade that "the change in government is purely an internal and not an external affair," but this interpretation should not gain credence anywhere.

The Explosion

It was the signing of the Axis Pact and its consequences which produced the explosion in Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia will resist if attacked and by its military resources and position has great possibilities of causing the enemy great damage.

The Serbs find it hard to see a friend in an Austrian or German and an enemy in an Englishman, Frenchman or Russian. —Reuter.

FRENCH SHIPS SAFE?

FOLLOWING REPORTS OF POSSIBLE UNITED STATES ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS IN AMERICAN PORTS, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, M. HENRI HAYE, VISITED THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MATTER. On leaving he told journalists it was his "understanding" that the United States would not take any action against French merchantships in United States ports. —Reuter.

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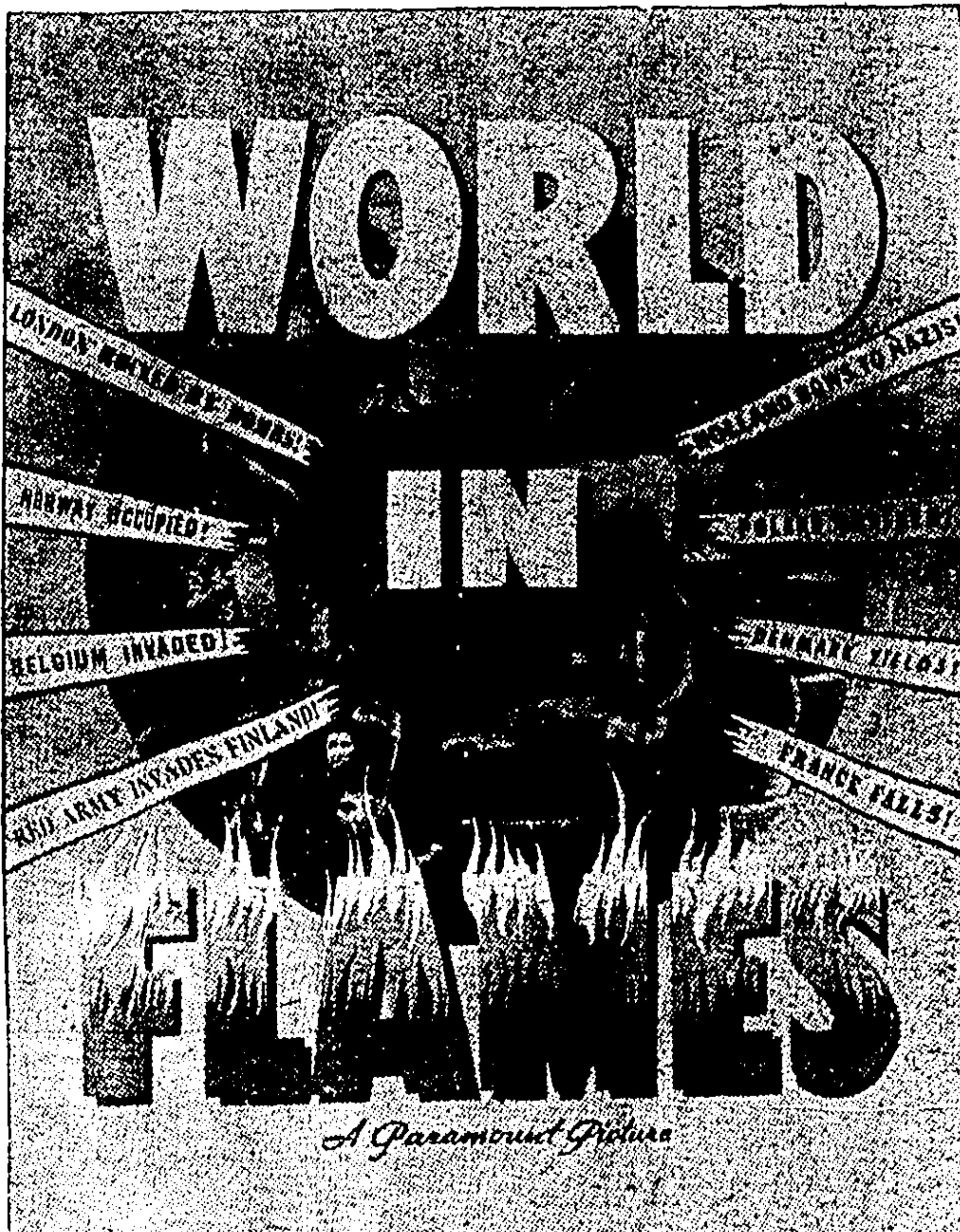


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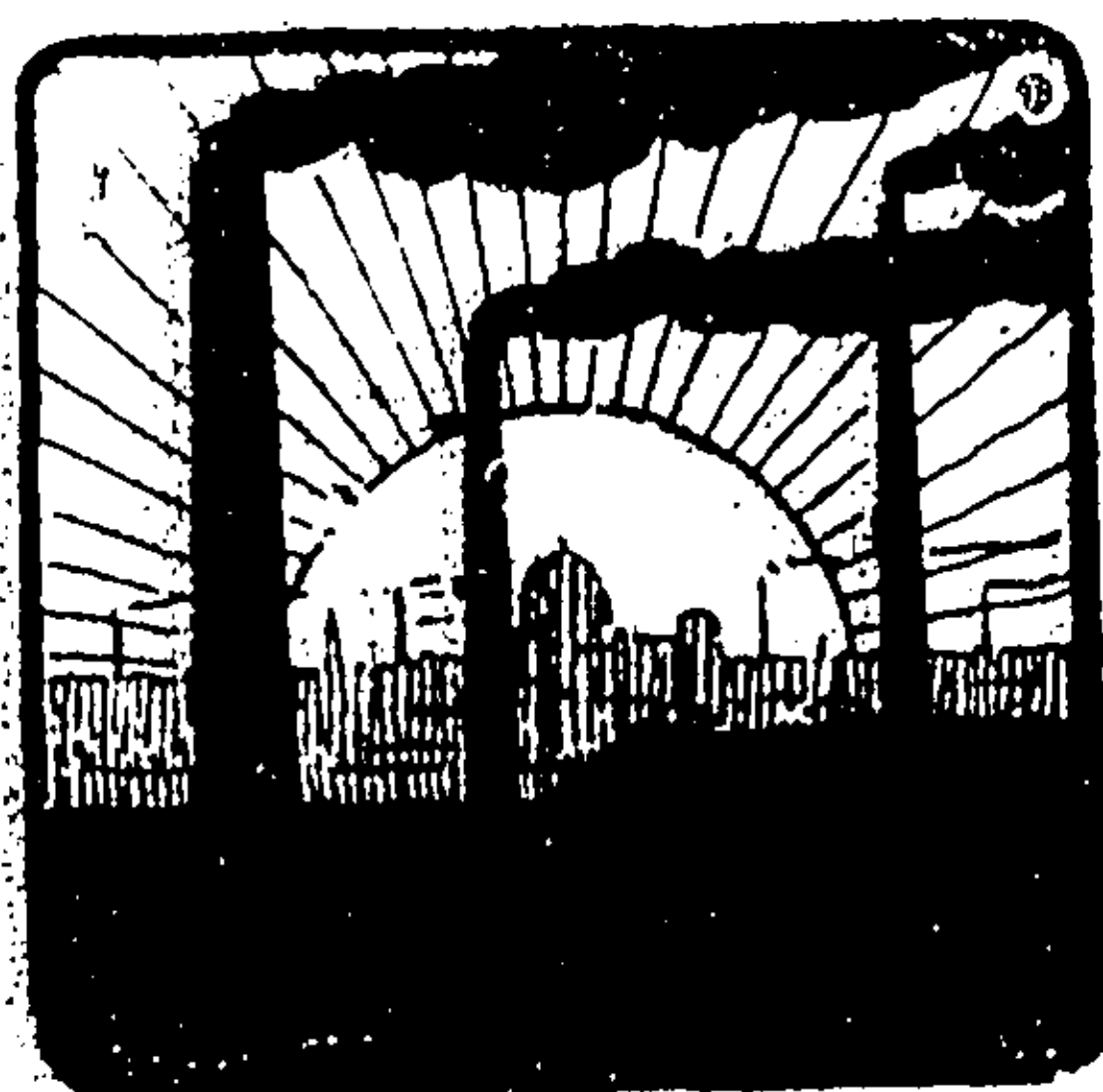
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Yugoslavia Issue Believed Entering Upon Final Stage

WITH THE REPORTED DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN OF VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER IN BELGRADE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GERMAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ARE ENTERING THE FINAL STAGE.

German circles in Belgrade declare von Heeren is returning to give a personal report to Hitler, who will take decisive action immediately.

German negotiations with the new Yugoslav Government are reported to be centred around three demands from the Axis, namely:

Full compensation for damage to German property after the coup d'etat.

Full public ratification of the Tripartite Pact.

Demobilisation of the Yugoslav army.

Menacing Note

Germany beat the big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note yesterday, continuing the war of nerves against Yugoslavia.

"General anti-German tendencies in Yugoslavia have become steadily worse," says the German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation.

"Developments in Yugoslavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out Germans," the statement adds.

Budapest Report

According to a Budapest report to Vichy, General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin yesterday on "all questions interesting Germany."

Mr. Eden in Greece

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WAS RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE OF GREECE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO ATHENS RADIO.—REUTER.

PHENOMENAL HITLER ACHIEVEMENT

The "Chicago Daily News" columnist declares that in one important respect the Nazis have already lost the war.

Their primary aim was that of exhibiting the Nazi as a superior being. Instead of merely flopping in that task they have done worse. They have presented the British in the best possible light.

The writer goes on to praise British morale and high courage in defence of their homeland, and says this has aroused far more respect for the British than ever before.

This admiration has grown at the expense of the Germans. It must be awfully disconcerting to be a Nazi and to realise that the Nazis' most substantial and phenomenal achievement has been to make Americans admire the British tremendously.—Reuter.

ENEMY BOMBER DESTROYED

An enemy bomber was destroyed yesterday morning in the Midlands. Cause is not stated.

This was the second enemy bomber destroyed yesterday.—British Wireless.

AMERICA IN UP TO NECK

Aid to Britain and to every other nation which resists the Axis criminals has been decided on as the best way to defend America, says the "San Francisco Chronicle."

It follows that aid must be as much and as fast as is needed. We have got to provide food, clothes, medicine supplies and planes and see that they get there.

If the British haven't the ships we must provide them. If they cannot provide convoys we must provide them. The stuff has got to get there if we have to swim across with it. America is in this thing right up to the neck. We cannot set any limits. We cannot even reserve "short men."

If convoys are needed the American Navy must provide them and there is little doubt they are needed. And the Navy is more than ready and willing.—Reuter.

UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY SEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE POLICY ADOPTED by the new Yugoslav Government is clear and unequivocal; they wish to maintain peace and to keep in close and friendly relations with all their political independence and territorial integrity.

While they have not repudiated the Axis Pact they are examining it very carefully and objectively. If its provisions do not run counter to Yugoslav policy, the Government of General Simovitch will probably not denounce the signatures of its predecessors.

But it is evident the Germans are not prepared to leave the interpretation of the Pact in the hands of General Simovitch and his Government.

To the Nazis, as they have repeatedly declared, there is no such thing as neutrality. A country must be either for or against them, especially if the Germans are able to enforce this point of view. In these circumstances, Germany's attitude would leave Yugoslavia only the alternatives of subservience or the consequences of refusal, and it is significant that German propaganda is now running in the same direction as it took before the attacks on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

But the Germans are dealing in Belgrade with a Government which has come to power on a tide of national feeling against serfdom.

As a result, the attempt to drive a wedge between Serbs and Croats and Slovenes is unlikely to be more successful than the efforts to intimidate the Serbs with stories of the "horrible" persecution of German settlers.

The Croats are strongly democratic and are consequently opposed to totalitarian methods and ideas. In addition, the recent Allied successes, coupled with the American attitude, have influenced opinion in the Balkans.—Reuter.

AXIS DEMANDS RELEASE OF SEIZED SHIPS

Germany and Italy have demanded the release of the seized Axis ships and their crews, says a Reuter message from Washington.

"FLYING RAT" SENT TO PRISON

Lau Ming-po, 34, described as a "flying rat," who was caught when he "visited" Father A. Granelli's residence, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning on three charges of burglary.

Accused was found by Father Granelli early on Saturday morning, chased out of the house and arrested by a Chinese detective on patrol duty in Waterloo Road.

At the police station, accused confessed that he had broken into No. 371, Prince Edward Road on the night before his arrest, and into No. 73, Robinson Road on February 28.

From No. 371, Prince Edward Road, he stole clothing and blankets, while from No. 73, Robinson Road he took clothing, a watch, a pen and \$135 in cash.—Reuter.

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STIRRING WORDS

We now have some days' perspective on what Mr. Churchill called "those stirring, august and fateful Presidential words" by which America was pledged to a "total effort" which will be continued and increased "until total victory has been won." If Mr. Roosevelt's speech had been merely Presidential words it would still have been a fine speech. It was more than that. The words have manifestly been accepted as those of the people speaking through the President.

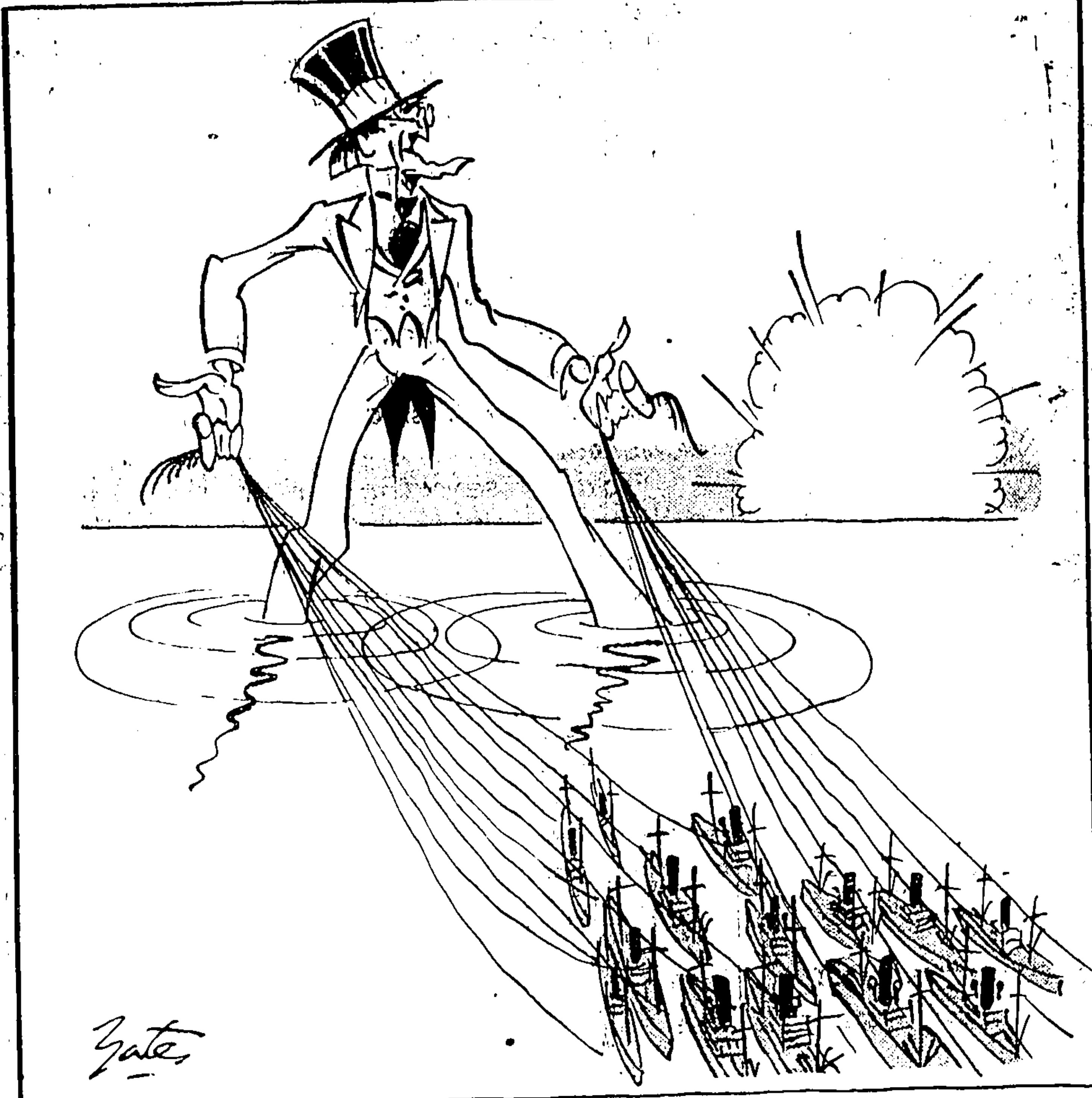
"We, the people of the United States," have been heard the world over. From London the words went out in thirty languages. Swiss newspapers carried the full text over the border into unoccupied France. In Tokyo, twenty-four hours after its delivery, the American message crowded Hitler's Sunday speech—the same old speech—into second place. In Belgrade, blowing hot and cold, four newspapers printed practically all of what President Roosevelt said.

The voice of America was not, and could not be, suppressed, even in Germany, Italy and the occupied countries. Hitler was compelled to allude to it, Gayda had to mention it. There could be few adult Europeans who did not now know that the United States had committed itself to a democratic victory in this war—a commitment overwhelmingly reaffirmed in the House of Representatives by passage of the largest appropriation in history.

When the German Minister in Belgrade conferred with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister the commitment was in both men's minds. It was implicit in the message which Hitler received from President Inönü of Turkey. It enters into the interchanges between Moscow and Belgrade and Moscow and Ankara. We can be sure that it is in the mind of Matsuoka.

The defenders of Singapore have heard the news. New confidence came to British troops attacking Keren, to Greeks in front of Tepeleni, to British soldiers on transports going through the Aegean, to R.A.F. fliers over British cities, to British civilians as the air alarms sounded, to sailors in perilous waters.

A Berlin spokesman may indeed say that the value of American intervention is "precisely nil." There was nothing else



WHO SAID WE WERE FRIENDS, ANYWAY?

(The "noises off" would seem to be the Axis raging that seizure of Axis ships in American waters will be regarded as an "unfriendly act.")

The Battle Of The Atlantic

By
Max Gissen

If Germany can cut off Britain's sea-borne supplies, it will serve the Nazis better than an invasion. It is certain that Hitler would prefer to starve England into submission and deal with United States aid by sending it to the bottom. But whether this type of campaign can succeed depends on many factors.

In the first place, Britain's shipping problem is much more acute and complicated than it was during the First World War. The Irish bases, are neutral, while the Italian, the Japanese and now even the French navies require the attention of destroyers and cruisers that are needed for convoying and patrolling. With its scattered destroyer strength now roughly half of what it was in 1918, Britain's navy has to combat submarines, raiders and fast E-boats whose bases extend from the Arctic to Spain. That is an almost impossible task in itself. But to the problems of convoying and patrolling over a vast area, there must now be added the aid given to submarines by reconnaissance planes and the attacks on shipping by long-range bombers. Submarines signaled to by spotter planes can take up attack positions with small danger of detection and need not waste time prowling; their effectiveness is thus greatly increased. Against bombers, ships distant from British air bases are defenceless except for weak anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. In recent months, losses through bombing are thought to have reached 25 per cent of the total tonnage sunk. Another Nazi advantage lies in the wide dispersal of the plants which manufacture submarine parts. U-boat making has become

for him to say. It is not precisely nil. It has 130,000,000 people and fabulous resources behind it. It is backed by a manufacturing plant that is just getting into its new stride. It is fired by a determination to see that what America sends to Britain does actually get there.

to a considerable extent an assembly job, which tends to lessen the damage resulting from British bombing raids. The British shipyards, however, are under constant bombardment. Vital repairs and new construction proceed under the greatest difficulties, and the Admiralty admits that sinkings have well outstripped replacements.

It is now possible to explain some of the startling ups and downs on the shipping-loss graph. Clearly, the most important factor in keeping down sinkings has been the destroyers. Until February of 1940, losses averaged more than 40,000 tons a week. As the convoy system was perfected, and as the French and British destroyers began their persistent sub hunts, losses dropped until, in April, they hit a low of 22,000 tons. Then, in May, came the withdrawal from Dunkirk. Convoying and sub hunts were forgotten as destroyers, mine-sweepers and even trawlers were brought into the Channel. Because of this widespread disorganisation, sinking in the following weeks reached a high point for the war. During the last week of June alone they passed 100,000 tons. Then came the reorganisation of the convoy system, and by August losses had declined to 75,000 tons. At this point the Germans began to make full use of the French ports and for a time it seemed that the British navy, now without the services of the French destroyers, must be swamped, as losses again reached 100,000 tons in September.

The British answer to the great string of German bases has developed in the form of brilliantly planned bomber attacks. Inland submarine-parts factories have been discovered and are blasted regularly. So are repair facilities, drydocks and assembly plants. Subs must spend three months in port for every two months at sea, and the British intelligence has been unusually accurate in informing bomber commands of their location. Great German sub

bases like Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, Bremen, Brest and Lorient have been attacked more than fifty times each. In meeting the threat to shipping at its source, the Admiralty has found the most effective complement to the protective destroyer.

The vast undersea and bomber offensive against shipping which the Nazis have promised for spring has aroused fears that United States aid will be largely wasted through sinkings. Neither the Admiralty nor the most pessimistic American naval observers, however, believe that Hitler can launch 600 submarines. Yet, from any standpoint, the British shipping position is already critical, and the recent alarming rise in sinkings is evidence both of Britain's problems in protecting her convoys and Germany's concentration in the winter months on preparing her great offensive.

Great hopes are placed on the effectiveness of American long-range bombers in seeking out submarines, but these have been extremely slow in coming.

More practical, perhaps, are the British corvettes. These may be described as tough little sawed-off destroyers which are highly manoeuvrable and relatively cheap to make.

For convoy purposes they can take the place of destroyers and, though not armoured, are expected to be more than a match for subs. They are equipped with depth charges, a powerful anti-submarine gun, the very latest detection devices, and carry a complement of fifty or sixty men.

Canadian yards will deliver severity in May. If they prove effective, they can and will be turned out in great quantities. But long-range bombers and corvettes are a gamble.

Right now every advantage in the war against shipping lies with the Nazis and there is no valid reason for believing that the advantage can shift to Britain.

The only effective answers are increased tonnage and more destroyers. It has become America's job to provide those answers, since Britain is already doing her utmost. In 1918, under a programme laid down only a few months before, American yards turned out nearly as much new shipping as Britain has lost during this entire war.

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STRANGLING CONTROL OF TRADE IN CHINA

THE JAPANESE military have assumed complete economic control in Japanese-occupied China in the past twelve months, says "The Economist" in an article on the Far East situation.

To-day, says the writer, the Japanese military dominate not only the semi-official Japanese development companies, and their 30 odd subsidiary companies, but also the manufacturing industries and all lines of trade which, originally, had been reserved for private Japanese interests.

The result is a complete absence in these areas not only of Chinese but also of Japanese private economic initiative and investment.

The parts of China best developed in former times have been in the power of the Japanese military for over three years. Although Japan's economic domination is greater than ever, the yield to Japan is lower than ever.

Japan sells less in China than before the start of the invasion and at the same time Japan gets less Chinese supplies than before.

Except for monthly shipments of some 400,000 tons of coal, Chinese supplies are insignificant for Japan's economy.

Profitable Investment

Official Japanese "development" work in China is but an auxiliary war activity. The chances of profitable investment in occupied China for Japanese private capital have disappeared.

Complete Japanese military control has made Occupied China's whole economy subsidiary to the various Japanese Army Commands in China Proper.

The control is serving the immediate purpose of assisting Japan's fighting forces in the field and of providing them with some pocket-money, apart from the war funds raised by the Tokyo Government.

Moreover, the control is being used to help transform Occupied China into another Japanese Army reservation of the Manchurian and Korean types by excluding or subjugating all other Japanese, and, of course, all Western interests. — Reuter.

RELIGIOUS SUPPRESSION IN GERMANY

Fresh accusations about religious conditions in Germany were made in a broadcast from the Vatican radio last night.

The announcer declared that religious houses had been closed all over Germany, often with no pretext at all, and these houses are not returned to their proper owners.

"The recruiting of Christians is made difficult and religious instruction is almost entirely absent in schools, in many of which a priest is not allowed to enter the classes."

"Difficulties are also placed in the way of a priest in communicating with and assisting soldiers, and he knows that any slight error he may make against one or the other of the Government rules may result in his expulsion from the parish." — Reuter.

TWO KILLED BY A BUS

Following an accident in which two elderly Chinese, man and wife, were fatally injured at the junction of Castle Peak Road and Yen Chau Street on Monday night, Wong Pui, 33, driver employed by Kowloon Motor-bus Company, was charged with driving without due care and caution before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning and remanded for three days.

Bail of \$250 was allowed.

MINE ADRIFT

A floating mine has been reported to the Harbour Department 2-1/4 miles North-east from Lintin Island. The position is given as Lat. 22 degs. 09' North and Long. 114 degs. 03' East, approximately.

HITLER LOSING BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

EVENTS IN THE last day or two provided a very fine curtain raiser to his remarks, as the Parliament Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty began in a speech on the "war at sea."

Commander Fletcher added he would like to deprecate any criticism just now of the morale and courage of the Italian Navy.

The battle showed what a remarkable degree of cooperation there had been between the three fighting forces, Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Navy had a tremendous task. It had to watch for hostile navies, traverse all the oceans of the world and cover an immense blockade.

Criticism of the Navy, he thought, was very small indeed and when it arose it was generally because not a sufficient number of armed vessels were provided to protect convoys.

"Some people think you can get ships as you can call a taxi in London. When it is raining heavily you may wait a long time before you get a taxi but as far as the Navy is concerned it is raining heavily all the time."

Battle Opening

The Battle of the Atlantic was height of 6,200 feet over China's war capital.

He holds the rank of Lieutenant in the reserve of cavalry of the 1st Regiment Royal des Guides.

now opening. The great bulk of seaborne traffic was concentrated in the North Atlantic and our job of protecting it was far more formidable than in 1914 to 1918.

In the last war five navies cooperated in the task of defending our shipping in the Atlantic. Now we were undertaking it single-handed and must expect the battle to be severe as Hitler had pledged himself to victory in 1941 and could not believe that victory unless he won the battle of the Atlantic.

Every Tuesday there was published a list of sinkings of British and Allied vessels and these, he said, were absolutely true. Very often they contained sinkings of vessels not actually engaged in trading with Britain.

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SOCIETY WEDDING TO-DAY

A brilliant Society wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church this morning when Mlle. Leonie Alice Maria de Chaffoy de Courcelles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. M. R. H. de Chaffoy de Courcelles, became the bride of Mr. Louis Gerald Henri de San, Secretary to the Belgian Embassy in China.

His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador to China, Baron Guillaume, and the Belgian Consul-General for Hong Kong, Mr. H. Vanderstraeten, were witnesses to the marriage which was performed by His Excellency Mgr. H. Valtorta, Bishop of Hong Kong.

Present at the ceremony were over one hundred of the Colony's leading personalities, including representatives of the Services, Government Departments, Consular Body, and Chinese Government organisations.

Carrying a bouquet of white lilies and elegantly attired in an exquisite gown of white brocade satin, cut on strict Princess lines, the charming bride arrived at the Church on the arm of her father who gave her away.

Her mother was Matron of Honour, choosing a dress of fine blue French Lace and a bouquet of pink roses.

The bridesmaids were Miss J. Chailinor and Miss S. Christensen, one wearing a dress of pink flowered taffeta and the other of blue flowered taffeta, fashioned on early Victorian lines. Each carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mr. M. Pirene, manager of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger (Extreme Orient), S.A., undertook the duties of best man.

The Reception

After the ceremony, a largely-attended reception was given in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, following which the newlyweds left for Repulse Bay for the honeymoon.

The parents of the bride are Belgian residents of the Colony of long standing, Mr. Chaffoy de Courcelles being the managing director of C. Ingenohl Limited (The Orient Tobacco Manufacturing).

The bridegroom, who is a grandson of the late King Albert of Belgium, is the only son of M. Edouard de San, of Brussels, Hon. General Secretary of the Belgian Congo and formerly Governor of the Kasai Province in the Congo. He entered the diplomatic service of his country in 1935, being first posted to Berlin and then to Chungking, where he has been for the past two years.

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Animal and Insect Waxes, Beeswax, Spermaceti, Vegetable Wax, Japan wax and Palm Tree Wax.

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MATSUOKA HAS TALK WITH MUSSOLINI

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had what is described as "a cordial conversation" with Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace in Rome at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

After the meeting Ciano accompanied Mr. Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr. Matsuoka saw Mussolini.

Mr. Matsuoka's interview with Mussolini lasted about an hour and took place in the presence of Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horikiri.—Reuter.

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CARGOES SEIZED AS PRIZE

APPLICATION BY MR. T. J. GOULD, for condemnation of cargoes belonging or consigned to enemy firms was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Prize Court this morning.

The first application was for 23 barrels of Gum Resin consigned to Messrs. Defag Wabell and Co., Tientsin. Mr. Gould said that the cargo was seized on board a British ship which arrived in Hong Kong. He relied on an affidavit from the ship's papers which showed that the cargo was consigned to Defag Wabell and Co., firm on the Black list.

No official claim had been made though the seizure was made more than a year ago.

As regards the second application, Mr. Gould said that the cargo, consisting of Copra, was seized in a godown in Hong Kong, to be transhipped to Germany and were goods in transit.

The affidavit of Mr. D. S. Robb, of Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews, liquidator of Messrs. Melchers, and Co., stated that the cargo came from Rabaul, New Guinea. Mr. Robb had made enquiries, and found that the copra had been sold by a Catholic mission on a F.O.B. basis and that the vendors had been paid in full.

The next case concerned 140 rolls of paper seized on a British ship. At the time, the goods were the property of W. A. Fritze of Bremen.

No Information

The facts were contained in a letter from the Netherlands India Commercial Bank which stated that the shipping documents were forwarded to them on August 21, 1939, by a bank in Rotterdam with instructions to hold them until further instructions. On September 23, three weeks after the outbreak of the war, the Bank received a cable instructing them to hand the goods to Messrs. Holland China Trading Co., free of payment.

There was no information or confirmation of payment and the Bank did not do so, as that would have been treated as trading with the enemy.

No information had been received up to May 1940 when the invasion of Holland took place.

The last case concerned a quantity of Pharmaceutical products and 15 cases of oil seeds which arrived here by the s.s. Bhutan. The cargo was seized on the arrival of the ship.

Mr. D. S. Robb, Liquidator of Melchers, in his affidavit, said the goods were shipped by Melchers, Bremen, to the firm in Hong Kong. There were no shipping documents available but the invoices were from Melchers.

The goods belonged to Melchers, Bremen, or Melchers, Hong Kong, but that was immaterial.

YOUTH CHARGED

For unlawful possession of 16 "Tee Tam" lottery tickets, Wong Fu, 19, unemployed, was fined \$50, or a month's hard labour.

BOATMISTRESSES FINED

Seven boat mistresses were charged this morning before Commander J. Jolly with loitering within 100 yards of the seawall of the Royal Naval Dockyard. The defendants were fined \$5 or seven days.

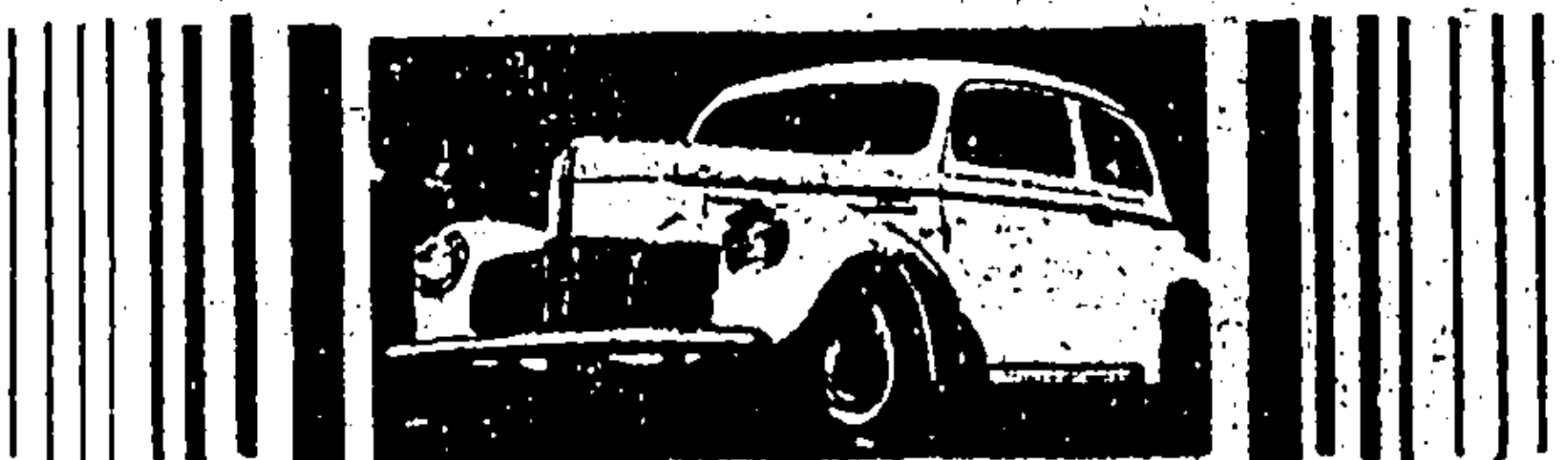
For proceeding with his launch inside the marking buoy, South of Lamna Island, Fung Shing, coxswain of the motor launch "Virginia" was fined \$10 or 14 days.

by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was also recommended for banishment. Sub-Inspector T. K. Whelan prosecuted.

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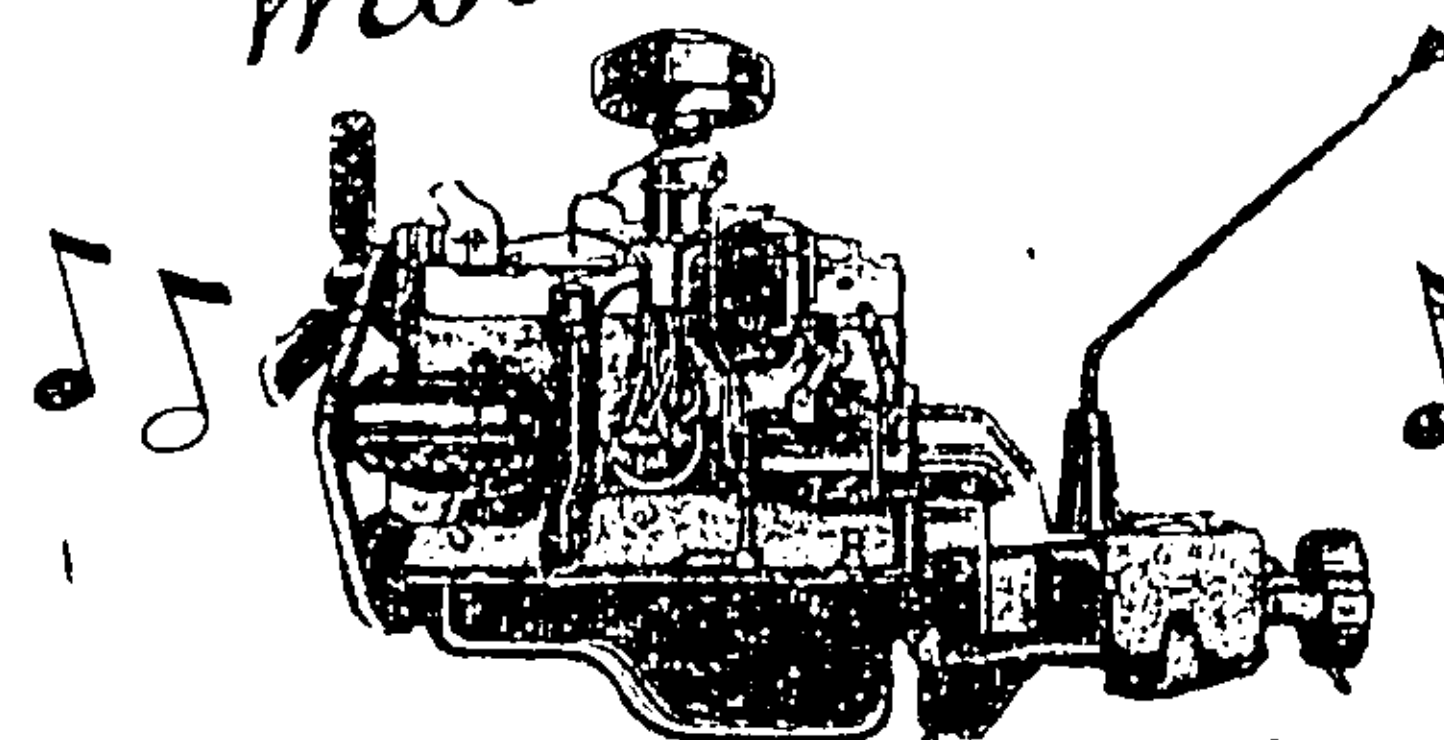
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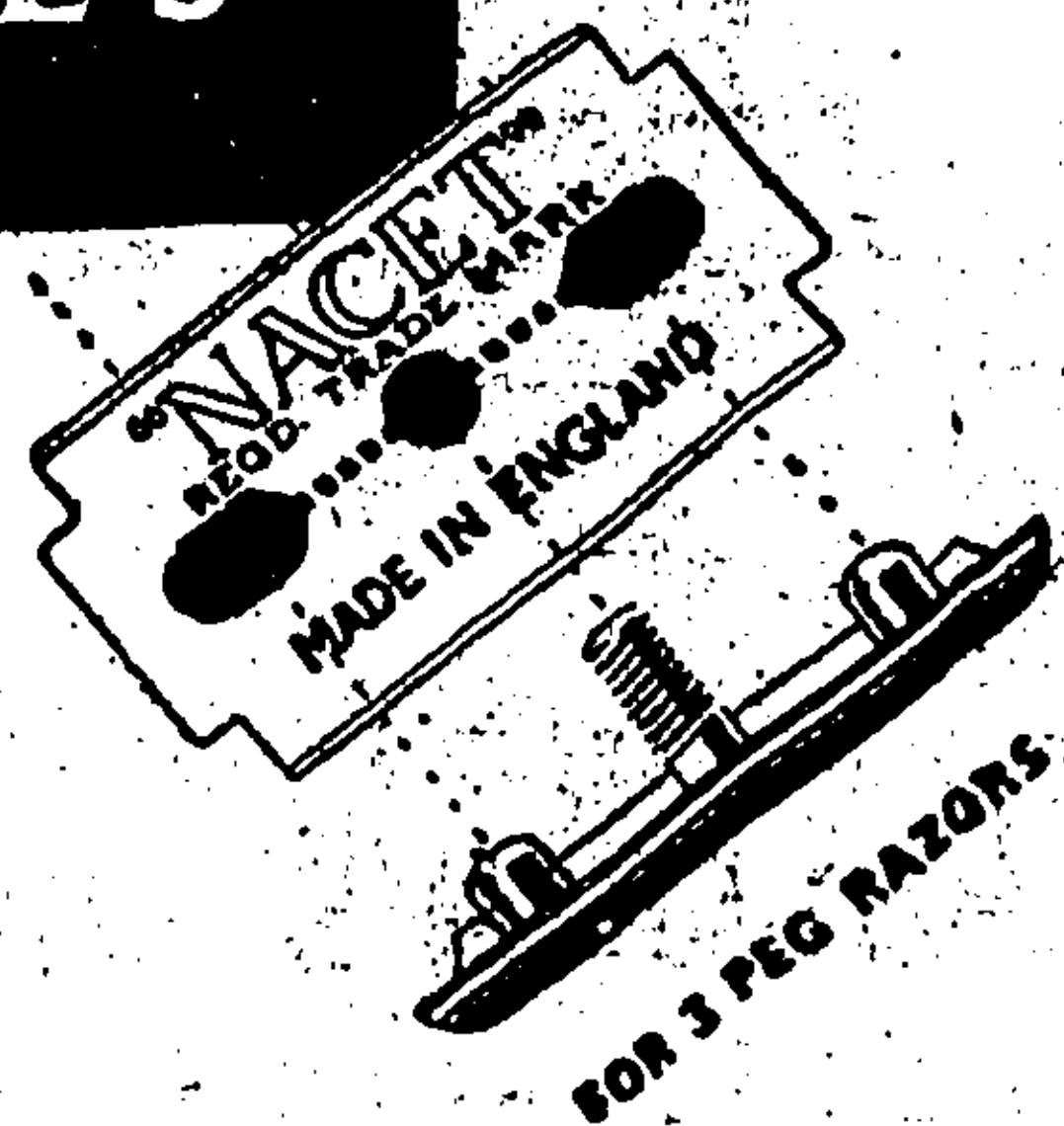
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The Undersigned have received instructions from the liquidators and others to sell by Public Auction on

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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1 Pair Binoculars in Case.
1 Violin in Case.

1 "Singer" Sewing Machine.
1 Hand Sewing Machine.
1 Set Table Glass.

1 "Westinghouse" Refrigerator.
1 "Kelvinator" Refrigerator (in good condition).

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NOTICE

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Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Coolgardie Stakes (Races Nos. 7 and 11). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

In the event of there being less than 21 Entries for this race, only one section will be run.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON, on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 31st March, 1941.

THE NEW ORIENTAL ACADEMY
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BRIDGE NOTES

An Accumulation By The Four Aces

"Please don't mention my name or town," writes a harried reader, "but tell me what went wrong. I'm considered a good player, but North is known as a terrible dub. What should I have done with the South hand."

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 part-score

♠ J 10 7 3
♥ K Q J 9 8 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ —

♠ J 7
♥ A Q 9 8 4
♦ A 5
♣ K Q 8 6

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♠ K 8 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A J 7 4

♠ A Q 10 9 5 4 3
♥ K 5 2
♦ 6
♣ 10 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥
3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♦ Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass

"Four diamonds went for a ride of 1,400 points; and you should have heard what North said about my bidding! My opening bid was unsound, he complained, I should have passed the second round, and I should have bid four spades rather than let him stay in four diamonds. It was a little self-contradictory, but what should I have done?"

The opening bid was sound as a whistle. Many fine players refuse to pass such a hand in any position; certainly any good player would bid it third-hand. The trouble really began with North's bid of three diamonds. He knew there was no fit for spades and that there would be serious trouble if South had no fit for diamonds. He should have passed, knowing that South would rebid if he had a good hand; and if South had a poor hand, the sooner North-South got out of the auction, the better.

But South made a psychological error when he bid three spades. Knowing that North was a dub, he should have feared that North had made an unsound bid and, furthermore, that North might refuse to give up if given another chance. The chances are that three diamonds, undoubted, would have been the final contract; and that would have cost North-South only 400 points. The actual catastrophe was the cumulative effect of one unwise rebid by South and two bad bids by North.

Ye erday you were Howard Schenker's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 10 5 2

The bidding:
Schneider Jacoby Yen Mator
1♥ 1♠ (?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have much too strong a hand to pass, and no other bid is really satisfactory. You hate to raise freely on only a three-card trump holding, but it's the best bid available.

Score 100% for two hearts, 80% for two clubs; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 680

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schneider Jacoby Yen Mator
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



Skiing Sadie says she'd be a wonder at the sport if it was a matter of staying on one's seat instead of one's feet.

INSTITUTE RESULTS

Results received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, received their training at the School of Accountancy & Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passes:

Intermediate Bookkeeping I: Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sig Kee; Yu Foo Lun.

Intermediate Bookkeeping II: Yu Foo Lun; L. T. H. Phelps; Yung Hin Ming.

Intermediate Auditing: — R. G. L. Ng (Honours); N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing.

Intermediate Law I: — L. T. H. Phelps; S. E. Bux.

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Final Bookkeeping I: — W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Bookkeeping II: — L. M. da Silva (Honours); Lim Lee Seng.

Final Auditing: — Chan Pui Kai.

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Final Law III: — L. M. da Silva.

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Intermediate Bookkeeping: —

Cheung Sik Kee (Honours); Lok King Wah.

Elementary Bookkeeping: — Paul

Cheng (Honours); Low Wei Ming

(Honours); M. T. Trinh; Alice Lo;

Yuen Wing Kin; Chan Bak Foo.

Advanced Typewriting: — Lok

King Wah; Wong Char Fat.

Elementary Typewriting: — Alice

Lo; Wong Yue Lam; Chan Bak

Foo.

PLATES TO SPITFIRES

If the Army used smaller dinner plates, the eventual saving would buy a new Spitfires for the R.A.F., say the people in the potteries who make ten-and-a-half inch "crocks" for the troops.

When breakages have to be replaced, it seems, someone pulls out of a dusty drawer an invoice dated a hundred years ago and dictates:

"Army, for the use of—Ten thousand dinner plates to the stores and specifications... Just copy them from the list we used in the Crimean War."

At least that is what the people who make the pottery think.

"The Army is terribly conservative and old-fashioned," said a manufacturer.

NO PETROL—BACK TO HORSES

Horses, which had almost disappeared from Elire's car-filled streets, are back again now. The petrol ration has been reduced from two gallons to a quart.

Last autumn horses were cheap. Today draught horses fetch £70, cobs £30, van and dray horses £55.

Farmers are busy—any man who can shape or fit a shoe is sure of a job.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Dry Shampoo Is Handy Aid

Beauties of the past used to sprinkleorris root through their hair and brush and brush and brush, when a wet shampoo was not in order. To-day we are offered excellent powdered, quick-cleansing mixtures to supplement soap and water washings. One of the newest of these is applied with a towelling mitt to the scalp and hair length, and then partly removed with the clean side of the mitt before a thorough brushing. That's all there is to the shampoo, and it may be used on any natural shade of hair or on dyed hair. You might try it the next time you find it inadvisable to wash your head or if you are holidaying and haven't the time or opportunity to get a regular shampoo. Convalescents find it most handy.



Sitting before a bathroom mirror you can give yourself a shampoo with the aid of a powder, little mitt and a good brush.

Skin Healing Capsules

We all know that Papaya is a nutritive fruit to eat but few of us ever realised that we would find it concentrated in tiny air-tight capsules to be used for skin beautifying. You youngsters who are passing through the acne stage will find this new papaya lotion a

definite correction, and both men and women may use it as a general skin treatment, for the papaya it contains has a tendency to dissolve old or dead tissue resulting in a very gradual skin peeling. In fact these capsules are bottled "bits of beauty" and a ten day

trial usually results in satisfaction. In case you have a specific skin problem let me assure you that this papaya lotion contains no beeswax, paraffin or spermaceti.

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ing, gracious manners early. They will help you meet many an emergency during your life. Never cheapen yourself by displaying questionable conduct."

Beauty Rites

Young girls who hope to have success and happiness from life might do well to listen to Hilda Burke, lovely blonde soprano of the Metropolitan Opera who has had to work hard to earn the success and fame she now enjoys.

"I'm not in favour of this 'oh, be yourself' slogan which many girls adopt. That can easily lead to the 'be by yourself' sorority! There are simple but vital beauty rites which every girl should follow. When those are completed she should study how to enhance her groomed natural beauty. Just 'being natural' is missing exciting opportunities in this day and age," Miss Burke warns, "for female competition is so strong in every walk of life that there is no place at all for the girl who remains unattractive."

Some of Miss Burke's beauty tricks are worth testing, as they are most inexpensive but very efficacious. She uses common table salt, for instance, two or three times a week to brush her teeth, in addition to a favoured dentifrice. She finds salt stimulating and healthy for a rub-down after a warm bath. She mixes raw oatmeal and milk into a paste for a facial masque and applies it after a thorough skin-cleansing before relaxing for an hour.

"So many simple beauty treatments are available to the girl with a limited budget," she says, "and the cheapest and best of these is a good bar of soap. Daily bathing has become a national American habit, and no meticulous girl will don underclothes or dresses which are not spic and span."

According to Miss Burke every girl and woman should face herself candidly in a mirror and ask the question—"What is my best feature? My eyes? My mouth? My hair? My teeth?" Whatever it is dramatise that feature. Play it up. Make people remark about its beauty. Less attractive features will be thus dimmed.

This singer also has very decided ideas about colours. She has studied the blonde angle regarding colours diligently. Autumn is the blonde's best season she feels. At

that time she can make the most of deep wines, rich greens and warm browns. For blondes with blue eyes she advocates severe black and dark wine; for blondes with hazel eyes, or brown, vibrant greens and various brown shades are most flattering. For any blonde a medium blue is good—it accentuates the blondness of hair and fairness of skin. It is also most becoming if the skin is suntanned.

Her parting advice is especially for young girls: "Develop charm-



MISS HILDA BURKE, popular soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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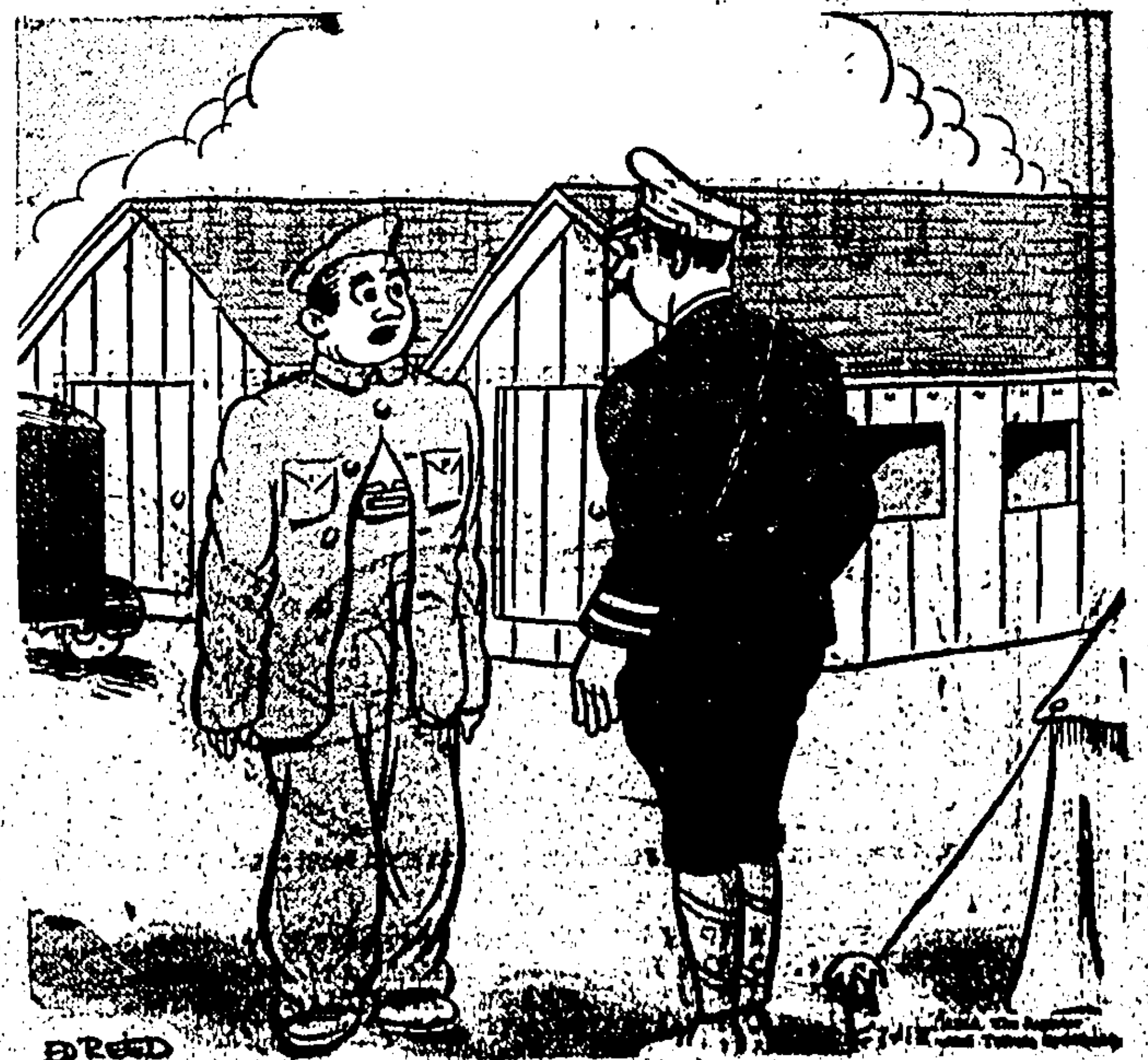
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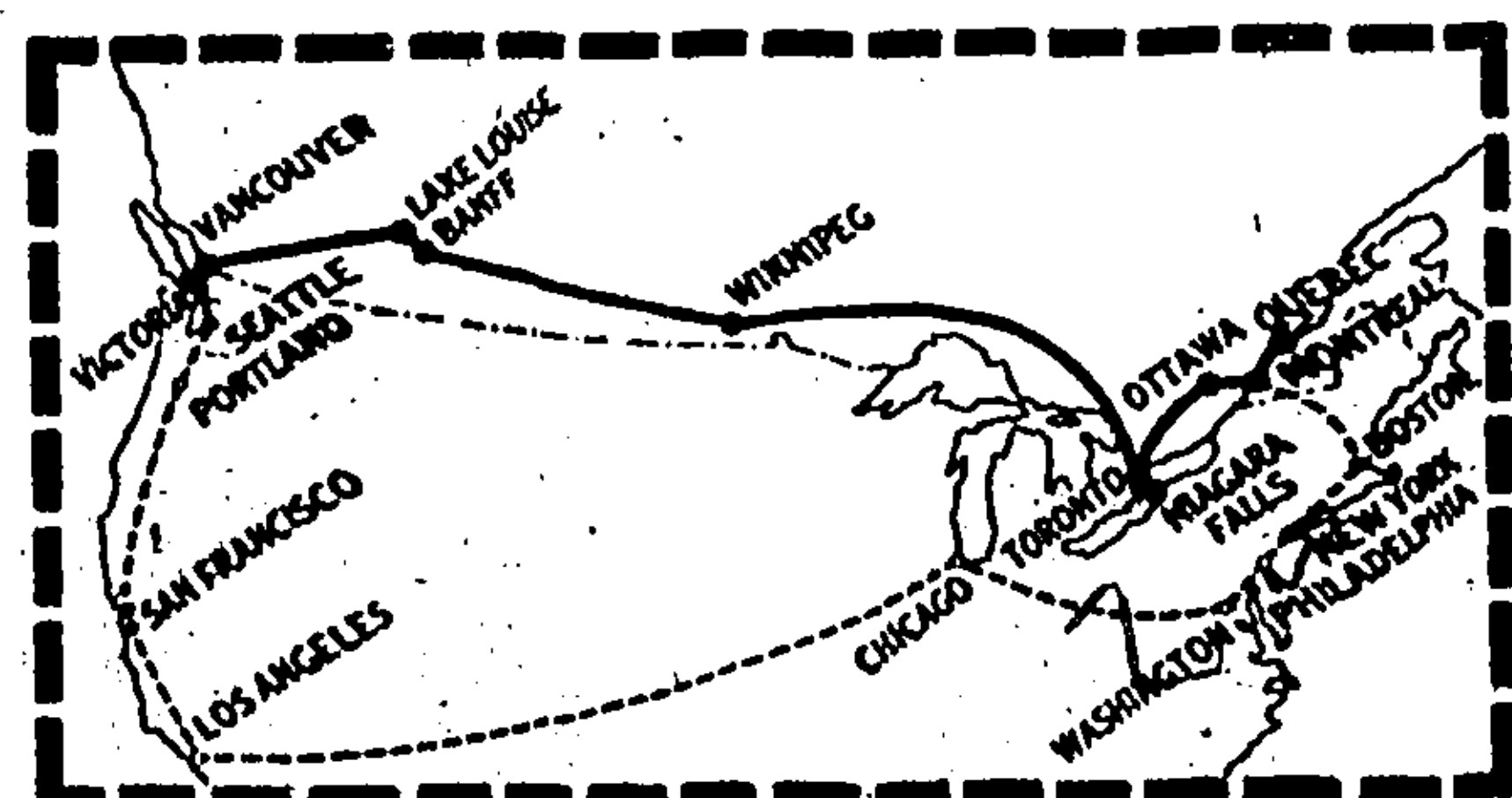
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*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
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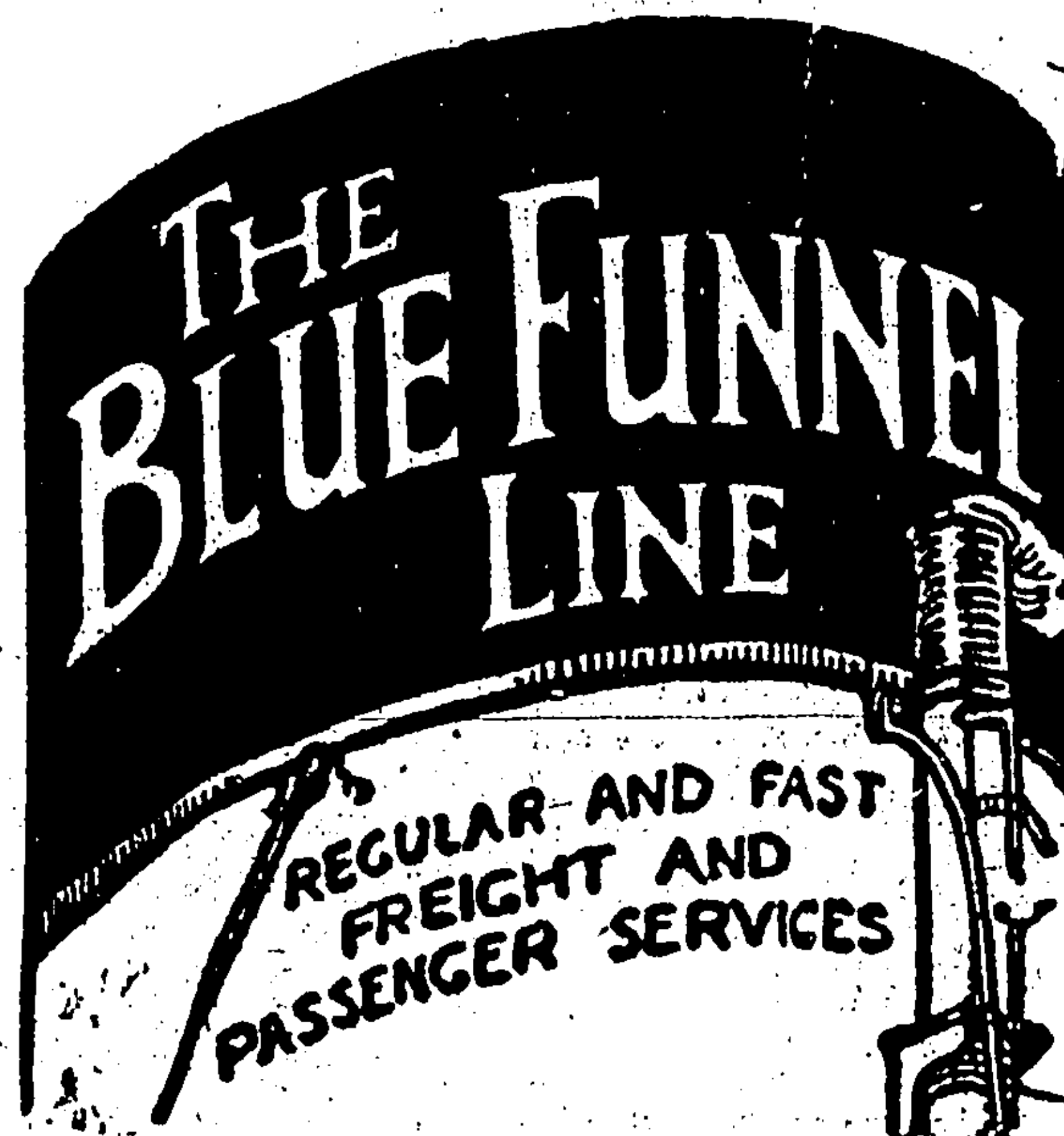
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RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—The Sleeping Princess. —Introduction—The Fairy Carabosse—The Lilac Fairy—The Six Fairies—Valse—The Rose Adagio—Puss in Boots—The Diamond and Silver Fairies—Mazurka and Apothecaria—Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the Old Country. Talk by Robert Donat.
7.30 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Joseph Szigeti (Violin).
Impromptu Op. 90, No. 4 (Schubert).
Eileen Joyce (Piano). Caprice No. 24 (Variations in A Minor) (Paganini). Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano acc. Romance (Brahms). Au Bord D'Une Source (Liszt). Eileen Joyce (Piano). Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin). Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano acc.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Walter Glynn (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. Snow Man (Archer). Round the Roundabout (Foster). New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly). A Dream of Paradise (Gray & Littleton). Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Organ and Male Chorus. Temptation Waltz (Charles Ancliffe). New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott). Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano Espana (Waldteufel). New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton-Alan Murray). Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano. The Moonbeam Waltz (after Rubinstein's 'Melody in F'). The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Sam Browne.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Makers of Medicine. No. 5: 'A Woman Healer Who Never Failed—St. Hildegard'. Talk by Father G. Byrne.
8.50 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels. Songs from the Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold). Banjo Song Medley Intro. Ring de Banjo. A Banjo Song with The Kentucky Banjo Team Soloists: J. Duncan and G. Stearn Scott.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
9.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—Studio—The First of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and Today by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays. Those taking part are: Peggy Chubb, Winnie Cox, Sheila Mackinley, Claude Burgess, Cyril Jones and E. O'Neill Shaw.
10.35 p.m.—Variety.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

STERLING AREA EXTENDED

The Treasury announces that an Order comes into force to-day under the Defence (Finance) Regulations with the effect of adding to the sterling area.

Firstly, the following territories under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, namely, French Equatorial Africa, the Cameroons under French mandate, French Oceania and French establishments in India, and secondly, Iceland and the Faroe Islands.—British Wireless.

450,000 ON STRIKE IN COALFIELDS

Altogether 450,000 workers are affected by a stoppage of work in United States major bituminous coal mines.

The strike was due to a deadlock over a new contract for the miners.—Reuter.

MARSEILLES LEAK IN BLOCKADE

VERY REVEALING FIGURES REGARDING AXIS ACQUISITIONS OF IMPORTS INTO UNOCCUPIED FRANCE WERE QUOTED BY MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WHEN REPLYING TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Dalton declared that figures, purporting to be official, showed that taking the two months December and January together, about 450 vessels, with cargoes of 500,000 tons, entered Marseilles and about 400 ships with cargoes of 136,000 tons left Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton continued: "A large number of reports from a variety of sources leave no doubt that the Germans take their pick of all incoming cargoes while the Italians are permitted to take smaller picks."

"Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half such imports are taken by the Axis. Many reports give the proportion as high as 80 per cent."

Principal commodities imported Mr. Dalton said, were groundnuts, grain, fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs, skins, sugar, coffee, cocoa, wool, wines, spirits, oil and pig lead.

Darlan Statements

Asked whether any explanation was given by Admiral Darlan and Vichy of the fact that they were transferring food from Marseilles and elsewhere to Germany while they were begging Britain for supplies of food, Mr. Dalton replied: "ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND THEY ALL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES."

To a suggestion that it was time the practice of allowing French ships from the French empire overseas to pass unmolested through the Straits of Gibraltar should cease, Mr. Dalton said a number of interceptions had in fact taken place.

Some Exceptions

Referring to the recent incident Mr. Dalton declared it was not the case that ships were allowed to pass freely through the Straits all the time. Some exceptions had had to be made in recent months.

Later Mr. Dalton was asked if he would reconsider the decision to permit two foodships to pass unmolested to unoccupied France, now that it had been disclosed that the alleged gift of wheat by Germany to Vichy was part of a barter arrangement and that under this arrangement some of the foods which Vichy was to supply to Germany were to be imported through Marseilles.

Mr. Dalton declared that the omission of Vichy to disclose the facts about the barter deal when complaining of the British blockade would not redound to their credit.

The British Government were in communication with the United States Government regarding the affair.

The British Government did not feel able to withdraw the pledge given the United States regarding these two ships but this did not imply that under present conditions they would be prepared to issue navicerts for the import into France of other supplies.—Reuter.

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Battle Of The Atlantic

The present scale of British shipping losses is not high enough for Hitler to achieve victory in 1941, as he had promised, and he could only win by obtaining mastery of the Atlantic.

So declared Lt-Comdr Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary, to the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London yesterday.

Admiral Cunningham's latest triumph was only a phase in the great naval battle.

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Saturday's Race Meeting Reviewed

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND EXTRA race meeting, held on Saturday was well attended and, despite the fact that there were several upsets, racing on the whole was of a high standard.

Conditions were far from ideal, rain falling prior to the fifth race and coming down with a vengeance on the seventh race.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. P. Y. (Mr. Poy). On reaching the Winning Post for the first time, Mr. T. Wei, who scored four wins out of the six races in which he took part, including the rare feat of riding the winner in both legs of the "Daily Double".

Honours among owners were somewhat monopolised by the Cire Stable, with three winners out of three entries, no other stable scoring more than a single win. Mr. E. Moller, Sr., also had the satisfaction of winning the first Stewards' Cup ever presented.

Early Upset

The first race on Saturday, the Kongmun Plate, resulted in an upset, when Eve of Grandeur, which had not previously done anything of note, easily accounted for the favourite, Odeon, with Mr. Needa up. Raceroute (Mr. P. P. Botelho) took the lead followed by Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) and Eve of Grandeur (Mr. Davis). Night Express went in front at the Half Mile post but was overhauled by Eve of Grandeur, which then went on to win by two lengths from Odeon, which came up with one of Mr. Needa's spectacular rushes.

Favourites Outclassed

The Fatshan Handicap (First Section), from the 1½-mile post for novice jockeys, provided another upset, Mr. R. K. C. Chui chalking up his first win at the Valley when he brought in Lancashire Lass to beat Jennifer (Mr. Coppin), the third favourite, by three lengths to pay the second best win dividend of the afternoon. Blue Diamond (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Thirty Six (Mr. W. Yui) carried the bulk of the money, but they were never in the picture at any time during the race. Lancashire Lass was fourth favourite. The third race, the Stewards' Cup for Australian ponies, griffins of this season that had not won \$5,000, was the principal race of the day.

After its record-breaking run in the Oakleigh Plate over the mile at the first extra meeting, Oracle (Mr. Needa) was made firm favourite, but it was unplaced.

Big Dividend

On the rise of the barrier, Starlight (Mr. Wei) shot out in front,



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BURMA SOCCER TEAM TOUR CANCELLED

The Burma Chinese Football team, which was to arrive in the Colony during Easter, are now unable to make the trip according to information received in the Colony yesterday.

BADMINTON

FURTHER MATCHES ARRANGED

Further badminton championship matches have been arranged for Friday of this week and Tuesday of next week, and some good encounters should be seen on both occasions.

The programme for Friday, at Club de Recreio, will be:—
Junior Singles
P. A. Yvanovich v T. S. Young (8 p.m.)
A. L. Fisher v J. L. Anderson (9.15 p.m.)
Senior Doubles
C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chiu (8.30 p.m.)

Tuesday's Programme

On Tuesday, at Kowloon Cricket Club, the following programme has been arranged:—
Junior Singles
N. L. Smith v Yvanovich or Young (7.30 p.m.)
Junior Doubles
P. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (8 p.m.)
Senior Doubles
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (8.45 p.m.)
P. Wong and C. Au v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (9.30 p.m.)

Play-Off To-day

The play-off for the sectional championship of "B" Division will be played at Club de Recreio this evening, between Kowloon Cricket Club and St. John's.

mounted about 100 yards from the winning post.

Track Waterlogged

When the seventh race, the Hobart Handicap (Second Section), which was the second leg of the "Daily Double" was scheduled to start, it was raining so heavily that the track was waterlogged, and those who backed Devonian, the favourite, were doomed to disappointment, as the pony never a mud-lark ran unplaced.

Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) took the lead, followed by Moonlight (Mr. Wei). The order later was not discernible on account of poor visibility. In the straight, however, Moonlight was seen to overhaul Happy Landings and go on to win comfortably from Happy Returns (Mr. Chao), which finished second. Pumpernickel (Mr. Pih) was third, a neck behind. For its win Moonlight rewarded each of its 50 "Double" backers with \$187.50 and 888 single backers with \$10.20 each, this being the third best dividend for the afternoon. This was Mr. Wei's fourth winner.

A Surprise

In the eighth race, the Fatshan Handicap (Second Section) for novice jockeys from the 1½-mile post, Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W.

SERVICE CORPS HELD BY SOUTH CHINA

IN AN EXCITING AND well-contested Second Division football game, South China drew with Service Corps, when they shared two goals at Sookumpoo yesterday and as a result Service Corps are now assured of the runners-up position but can only hope for a play-off with Engineers for the title.

Engineers are now four points in the lead and are to meet South China and Sing Tao.

The fact that South China and Service Corps are meeting in the Final of the Junior shield added to the interest of the game and from the performances of both teams yesterday the Final should be a hard fought game.

Both sides missed several good chances but the Chinese forwards showed better ball control and covered ground faster. They were badly in need of a shooting centre forward as the inside men made many openings, which were spoiled by slowness.

Service Corps' forwards did not function as smoothly as usual, due to the hard and fast tackling of Wong Shui-kee and Chan Yu-shing at back and Ho Lok-kee at left half.

Good Halves

Smart and Hammond, Service Corps wing halves, had a trying afternoon against the fast Chinese wingers, while Hamlen played a safe game at back.

For the Chinese, Chin Chi-fai and Chui Wing-keung were a fast left wing combination and were the source of most worry to the Soldiers' defence.

Service Corps started pressing from the start and shortly after were awarded a penalty but Young sent in a terrific shot which hit the crossbar and rebounded into play. South China forwards could make no impression on the Service Corps' defence. At the other end Glen and Martin failed when well placed. Weir and Lin Tin-kee also had opportunities but missed.

The Scoring

In the second period play was faster and 10 minutes from the end Chin Chi-fai broke through the defence and scored. Service then applied pressure and before the end were awarded when Morgan scored the equaliser.

South China:—Tan Sik-wing; Wong Chui-ki and Chan Sing; Chan Hoe-cheung, Leung Ping-kwan and Ho Lok-kee; Lai Chung-yu, Li Ting-shui, Chung Wing-kui, Chui Wing-keung and Chin Chi-fai.

Service Corps:—Moore, Hamlen and Bradshaw, Smart, Young and Hammond, Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Weir and Martin.

Lee) was made favourite but those who backed it had a rude shock, as the pony could only take third place.

From the start Advancing Time (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) set a fast pace, and by the time the half-way mark was reached had a big lead. This pony, however, lacked staying power and was overhauled by Galveston Bay (Mr. Yui) in the straight, with Muskeeter (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) second and Emergency Unit third. This order was maintained right to the end. This was Mr. Yui's first win at the Valley.

The last race, the Canton Handicap (Second Section) for "B" Class China ponies, saw another favourite fall by the wayside. Hughber (Mr. Chao) noted for its ability on a wet track, could only take third place.

Avon (Mr. Back) got off first, followed by Ransom (Mr. Poy), Hughber and Lillier (Mr. Trevorton). This order was maintained until, after passing the Half Mile post, when Ransom took command and only to again be displaced by Avon over the last quarter.

Strong Challenge

Coming down the straight, Avon was strongly challenged by Hughber, but despite Mr. Chao's efforts, it could make no impression on Avon, which went on to win by three lengths from Rose Emily (Mr. Chui Ki-fan), which had the better of Hughber by half a length.

RUMJAHN FOR TITLE: G. CHOA'S PROMISE

By "Adrem"

The challenge expected to the Colony singles champion, S. A. Rumjahn, from Lt. Shields Goodman, of U.S.S. Tulsa, as the result of the promising form shown by the latter in his recent doubles match, did not materialise and Rumjahn won with the greatest of ease, the scores being 6-1, 6-2.

Goodman hit hard all the time, playing the type of game so favoured in the United States—a sacrifice of accuracy for sheer pace. On a hard court these methods might have met with more success but yesterday, on a soft court very susceptible to spin and against a player like Rumjahn, who uses spin a good deal, the story of Goodman's play is one long tale of errors.

He was never able to gain control of his ground strokes, most of his drives landing feet out of court.

Rumjahn was his usual steady self. He played all his shots with accuracy and certainty and refused to be beaten by anything.

It is difficult to judge his form on yesterday's game but it is said at I.R.C. that he is playing better this year than ever and is expected to make a great effort to retain his title.

Choa Impresses

More interesting than the above match was the encounter between George Choa and hard-hitting T. J. Gould. Gould is a splendid doubles player and is very useful at the singles game, but Choa was never in any difficulty and his fine positioning and wide range of strokes, combined with a powerful service, marks him once again as one of the Colony's most promising youngsters.

There were some interesting rallies, with both men hitting hard, but Gould's faulty footwork made control of direction difficult and he usually lost a rally by just missing the sidelines.

RESULTS

Following were yesterday's tennis results:—

OPEN SINGLES
S. A. Rumjahn (holder) beat Shields Goodman 6-1, 6-2.
G. Choa beat T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.

Pang Oi-lam beat Wei Chung 6-1, 6-1.

CLUB HANDICAP
V. R. Gordon beat F. W. Carter 6-3, 6-1.

T. C. Monaghan received a walkover from A. T. Dow.
G. W. Sewell beat H. C. D. Knight 8-6, 6-4, 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Doubles
J. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (5).

Club Championship
G. W. Sewell v. C. H. R. Oxlade (2); T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh (0); R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee (3).

Club Handicap Singles
T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) v. A. T. Dow (-3/6) (1); S. E. Lawrov (plus 3/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); H. Van Leeuwen (-3/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (-1/6) (7).

Brilliant Fielding In Sunday's Game

Souza's Dazzling Double-Play

CHINESE BASEBALLERS SURPRISE RECREIO

By "Grandstand"

Massaging the shoots of Indian chucker Kassa Nazarin for 11 safeties in an aggressive display, the League-leading St. Joseph's edged the Indians out of the pennant race by 5-3, before a small Sabbath throng, in a game featured by brilliant fielding on both sides, despite the slippery condition of the ground.

"Fancy" rulings by the umpires on several occasions brought forth storms of protests from both sides and delayed the game more than was necessary.

Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, pino hurler Dave Amper walked who went the route for the Saints, yielded five scattered blows, and only passed one Omarman to first, whilst Indian hurler Kassa Nazarin, although walking one, was combed for 11 safeties, four of which were bunched up in the third in a Collegian barrage which netted them three runs.

Blanking the Indians in the first canto, the Saints chalked up their first marker when Hank Ali made second on a wild heave, and scored on Dave "Bambino" Leonard's single to left. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard singled to advance Dave to third, but was picked off at the keystone in a bonehead attempt to pilfer second.

Both Sides Blanked

In the next session, both sides were blanked, although the Omar-men threatened to score with two on the paths.

In the third, the Indians staged an uprising. Huckjai Kitchell making first on a doubtful bunt-hit, whilst Kassa Nazarin dumped one which first-sacker Stan Leonard fumbled. Right gardener Cruz's expensive muff of Baby Abbas' long fly, helped by George Souza's wild heave, cleared the bases for an Indian three-run splurge.

In the Collegians home half of the stanza, a shower of base-hits, climaxed by Dave Leonard's two-run single, garnered three tallies for the Saints, who took the lead once more. Two singles, a sacrifice and an Indian miscue paved the way for another Collegian marker to cinch the game. For the remainder of the scuffle, Gonzales pitched shutout ball, retiring the Indians in one, two, three order.

Hussain's Humdinger

Dave Leonard, Hank Ali and Jindoo Hussain were each good for a brace of safeties, but it was the latter who was the big gun of the day, blasting a humdinger over left-fielder Savage Hassan, but forgetting to take the lead out of his shoes, the power-blow only going for a triple.

Dave Leonard drove in three runs for his team with timely hitting, and was robbed of a perfect batting day, when Savage Hassan made a circus catch to haul down his fly to deep left.

Three twin-killings were completed during the fracas, of which two were made by the Indians, when first-sacker Romeo Hamet snared Stan Leonard's foul fly and tossed out Dave Leonard, who attempted to sneak third, and again when Gonzales and Hussain were snuffed out on a Kitchell-Hamet-Ismail play.

The most brilliant double crease of the game however was when George Souza scooped up Tanzan Iemall's hot grounder and tossed out Arcuili at second, keystone Ozo Ozorio pivoting to Stan Leonard for Iemall to be flagged at first.

Dull Game

Fielding a scratch nine in the day's opener, the Recreio Aces trounced the Filipinos 12-5 in a dull game witnessed by only a handful of die-hards.

Nick Beltrao worked on the hill for the Recs in an initial mound performance, issued four free tickets to first, and was charged 5.30 p.m. when the interplay with one wild pitch, whilst Fil-Macab will be discussed.

In the initial frame, the Recs only managed a one-run lead, but a cluster of eight markers in the second heat, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Two-baggers were belted in by Nick Beltrao, Caco Marques and Diesta, whilst Marques, Toto Prata and Figueiredo all returned a two in three stick performance.

Night-Cap

In the night-cap, the Chinese Baseballers toppled the Aces 6-3 to revive hopes of finishing in First Division. The Lumen had the jump on the Recs by chalking up four runs in the first two frames, holding the Noronhamen to a lone counter.

After the Lumen had pushed two more markers over the saucer, Johnnie Alvares was lifted from the hillock in favour of Gerry Gosano, who did not make an appearance till a late stage of the game.

Chuckling his usual brand of fire-ball, mound victor Denham Cray fanned six Noronhamen and walked three, whilst Alvares whiffed four and passed eight Lumen to first. Nick Beltrao returned a perfect 1,000 in his two batting chances, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves produced the only extra base blow, with a double.

CYCLONE STATISTICS

By "Grandstand"

Having completed their full League schedule, the Cyclone Softball Club statistics reveal some fine individual performances, although the team finished with a "games won" average of only .500.

Centre-fielder Baker topped the batting, and slugging figures with .465 and .608 respectively, which is a good figure in anybody's League—the former including two doubles and a homer, whilst key-stoner Barney Abbas was credited with 10 stolen bases. On the whole, however, the team showed batting weakness, the aggregate average being only .231.

In the fielding department, first-sacker Markar Jr., handled the most fielding chances with 115, and came through with a comfortable .922. Third-sacker Sherry Bux assisted in the most putouts, but bungled 15 chances. Pitching 50 innings in eight starts, hurler Pinky Pineda won four and lost two, giving away 68 safeties, whilst "Kelly" Silva-Netto won only one of his four games.

Hindsnatcher Skelly Hazack, who participated in two double-plays, fielded .881, but was guilty of five passed balls.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Wednesday, April 9, at 5.30 p.m. when the interplay with one wild pitch, whilst Fil-Macab will be discussed.

LADIES' HOCKEY TEAMS

The Annual Seven-a-side Ladies' hockey tournament will be played on Saturday and the following are some of the teams:—

ST. ANDREW'S "A"—Miss J. Hall, Miss M. da Rosa, Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong, Miss P. Lang and Miss B. Greaves.

ST. ANDREW'S "B"—Miss L. Cross, Mrs. Wilson, Miss G. Darby, Mrs. A. Zimmermann, Miss M. Churn, Miss B. Fitzgerald, Miss A. May and Miss F. Wong.

H.K. LADIES—Miss E. Gray, Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Dalziel, Miss M. Booker and Miss J. Booker.

RECREIO—Miss Z. Barros, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss N. Osmund, Miss D. Campos, Miss M. Figueiredo, Miss M. Campos and Miss N. Gonsalves.

C.B.A.—to be chosen from the following: Miss N. Wittchell, Miss P. Woolley, Miss J. Kew, Miss S. Gehrig, Mrs. I. Joyce, Miss R. Stiller, Miss P. Baxter, Mrs. J. Crawford and Miss E. Woolley.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Further fixtures were arranged this morning. To-day week at Recreio, the "B" Division Inter-Sectional final will be played, and the following day, at Jewish Recreation Club, the first matches in the ladies' doubles event have been arranged as follows:

7.30 p.m. Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn.
8.00 Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. M. Silva v Miss U. Kho and Mrs. Wilson.
8.30 Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonsalves.
9.00 Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmermann v Miss Noronha and Miss Pereira.

STAND COURT MATCH TO-MORROW

As nett proceeds of the Colony tennis tournament will be donated to the Bomber Fund, Hong Kong Cricket Club have erected the stands somewhat earlier than usual this year and the first Stand Court match will be staged to-morrow.

GOOD CONDITIONS FOR RIFLE MEETING

THE ANNUAL HONG KONG Rifle Association prize meeting, opened yesterday at Kowloon City Rifle Range with the Rapid Firing and Snap-shooting Competitions, in which over 240 competitors took part, decided.

As is usual on the first day, the shooting was not of a high standard despite the fact that the competitors had no wind to contend with and the light was very good.

Sergeant Puran Singh, of Hong Kong Police Force, won the Rapid Firing Competition with a score of 21, while Sergeant Griffith, of Royal Marines, carried off honours in the snap-shooting competition with a score of 23.

The first and second runs of several team matches were also shot.

In the Light Automatic Match, the former Acting Officer Administering the Government, His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, was won by No. 1 Sect. "D" Company of the 5/7 Rajputana Regt. with a score of 96.

Following are yesterday's results:

Light Automatic Match:—1. No. 1 Section "D" Coy., 5/7 Rajputana Regt., 96; 2. Drums, H. Q. Coy, 1st Middlesex Regt., 67; 3. No. 7 Section, "D" Coy. Royal Scots, 63; 4. No. 5 Section "C" Coy. Royal Scots, 62.

Snapshooting Competition (Open Prize List):—1. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 23; 2. L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., Sgt. Cole, R.M., and Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P., 22; 5. Cpl. Henley, R.A.F., 21; 6. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 20; 7. Sgt. Pridy, 1st Middlesex, 19; 8. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 18; 9. Sgt. Rushman, R.M., 18; 10. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 18.

Special Prize List:—2. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 13; 3. Pte. Bellchambers, 1st Middlesex 12 and Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 8; 5. L. A. C. Callaghan, R.A.F., 8; 6. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 5.

Rapid Firing Competition (Open Prize List):—1. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P., 21; 2. L/Cpl. Allo, R.E., 21; 3. Pte. Harris, 1st Middlesex, 20; 4. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 19; 5. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 18; 6. S. Croft, R.M., 19; 7. Major White, M.C., Royal Scots, 18; 8. C. H. M. Nanku Singh 57 Rajputana, 18; 9. Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex 18; 10. Sepoy Said Ahmed, 57 Rajputana, 18.

Special Prize List:—1. L. A. Callaghan, 5.

ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The golf teams to represent Kowloon and Happy Valley in the annual match on Good Friday have been selected as follows:

KOWLOON	HAPPY VALLEY
8.50 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
R. K. Collings	D. S. Edward
8.54 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
A. J. Dennis	K. S. Robertson
8.58 a.m.	2.03 p.m.
K. G. McKenzie	A. McKellar
9.02 p.m.	2.05 p.m.
T. B. Low	T. Low
9.06 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
H. F. Phillips	A. C. I. Bowker
9.10 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
A. L. Eastman	W. Sharp
9.14 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. C. Simpson	H. H. Mundy
9.18 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphrey
9.22 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
T. Lamb	L. M. S. Lloyd
9.26 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
F. C. Barry	A. H. Penn
9.30 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton
9.34 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. A. Lopes	N. J. Bebbington
9.38 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
E. F. Fincher	C. F. J. Simpson
9.42 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
S. Jex	N. J. Booker
9.46 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
J. McKelvie	G. Davies
9.50 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
W. Kershaw	W. Stoker
9.54 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
E. C. Fincher	N. D. Booker
(Reserve)	2.40 p.m.
J. Colles	M. A. Cairns
(Reserve)	

han, R.A.F., 14; 2. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 14; 3. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex 11; 4. Pte. Bellchambers, 1st Middlesex, 10; 5. Bdm. Nix, 1st Middlesex 10.

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FALL OF ASMARA ANNOUNCED

Massawa Now Last Strong Point In Eritrea Another Brush In Cyrenaica

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT THE BRITISH FORCES HAVE CAPTURED ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ERITREA.

A meeting of British and enemy forces in Libya, a continued British advance in Eritrea with the capture of more prisoners, and rapid progress in Abyssinia, were reported in an earlier G.H.Q. communique.

The communique stated that the advanced elements of our forces were on Monday in contact with enemy infantry and mechanised units in the Mersa Brega area, Libya.

"Despite extensive demolition on the main road to Asmara our advance in Eritrea continues."

DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS A FURTHER 800 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING ANOTHER BRIGADE COMMANDER.

Although communications in this area have been extensively damaged by the retreating Italian forces our advance from Diredawa astride the railway and road to Addis Ababa is making rapid progress.

In all other sectors the penetration into southern Abyssinia is being enlarged, particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolf.

Diredawa Retreat

Following their withdrawal from Diredawa, the Italians in eastern Abyssinia are not expected to offer strong resistance until the British forces reach the Awash River, about 100 miles from Addis Ababa, stated the British military spokesman in Cairo last night.

He added there was nothing noticeable of modern defences around Asmara.

Threat To Massawa

Possession of the Eritrean capital is not only a direct threat to Massawa, 75 miles away, but also promises finally to sever all communications between Abyssinia and Massawa, leaving a road to Assab, sole remaining link between Abyssinia and the Red Sea.

ASMARA HAS 100,000 INHABITANTS, HALF OF WHOM ARE ITALIANS. IT IS 7,600 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL ON A PLATEAU. — REUTER.

Mr. J. L. Grassett, of No. 2, Jordan Road, has reported the loss of \$45 while travelling on a Peak Tram between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. yesterday.

STATEMENT ON WAR BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons yesterday that he proposed to make a statement on the war before Easter. — Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS CAUGHT ON PARADE

Reviewing what is described as a busy and successful day by Blenheims of the Bomber Command on Monday, an Air Ministry communique says: "Warships, supply ships, gun emplacements and German troops were bombed and machine-gunned."

Early in the morning, as already announced, two tankers were set on fire off Le Havre and left sinking.

Later a destroyer off the French Islands was twice hit. She slowed round and came to stand still, listing heavily.

Our aircraft then flew low over the islands of Terschelling and Ameland and bombed and machine-gunned gun emplacements and German troops on parade. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the troops. The parade dispersed.

Still later another sortie scored a direct hit on an enemy supply ship, one of a convoy of eight vessels protected by warships and fighters.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing.

In the attack on German troops on a parade ground the Blenheims roared over only 50 feet above the ground and the crews saw the troops rush for cover.

DURING AN ATTACK ON A LONG GREY HUT, AROUND WHICH GERMAN TROOPS WERE STANDING, ON ANOTHER ISLAND, AIRCRAFT CAME DOWN TO TEN FEET. A DIRECT HIT PRODUCED VOLUMES OF BLACK SMOKE. — BRITISH WIRELESS.

INTERESTING NEW APPOINTMENT

Reputed to be pro-British, Mr. Masatsune Ogura, head of the vast Sumitomo interests, has accepted the post of Minister without Portfolio in the Konoye Cabinet, says a Tokyo message. He is expected to become the virtual dictator of Japan's economic life. — Reuter.

MATSUOKA TO SEE POPE TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Matsuoka will be received by Pope Plus XII to-day. The conference between His Holiness and Mr. Matsuoka is considered of importance in view of the known desires of the former to arrange peace. — International News Service.

ASMARA FALLS IN 5 DAYS

Asmara, capital of Eritrea, has fallen. This success, which is likely to prove the beginning of the end of resistance in Eritrea, follows only five days after the capture of Keren.

In that brief time the British and Indian forces, ably supported by the R.A.F., have pursued the dispirited Italians over 75 miles to yesterday's new resounding victory.

The way is now open for the next drive against Massawa, Italy's last port on the Red Sea.

The speed of the advance takes additional credit from the fact that the fighting before Keren was of a most exhausting kind, leading to the climax of a fortnight's sustained attacks under most difficult physical conditions of climate and terrain.

Duke's Problem

In their progress since Thursday the British forces have had no easy task, being faced by a steep climb mainly through a defile.

With the fall of Asmara the problem confronting the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, respecting the safety of Italians, including women and children, daily becomes more difficult. — Reuter.

AXIS SHIP RENDEZVOUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THREE OR MORE GERMAN SHIPS ARE BELIEVED TO BE MAKING A RENDEZVOUS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC TO JOIN A CONVOY OF FLEEING AXIS SHIPS BUT IN MANY CASES THE ESCAPES HAVE BEEN FOILED.

At Guayaquil, the German steamer, Cerigo, is aflame after a report that the Government planned to seize the vessel. — International News Service.

PEACE FEELER RUMOUR AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ALTHOUGH THE REPORT CANNOT BE CONFIRMED, THE LONDON "EVENING STANDARD" PUBLISHES A MESSAGE FROM MADRID, SUGGESTING THAT ITALY HAS PUT OUT PEACE FEELERS IN THE SPANISH CAPITAL WITH A VIEW TO ARRANGING AN ARMISTICE. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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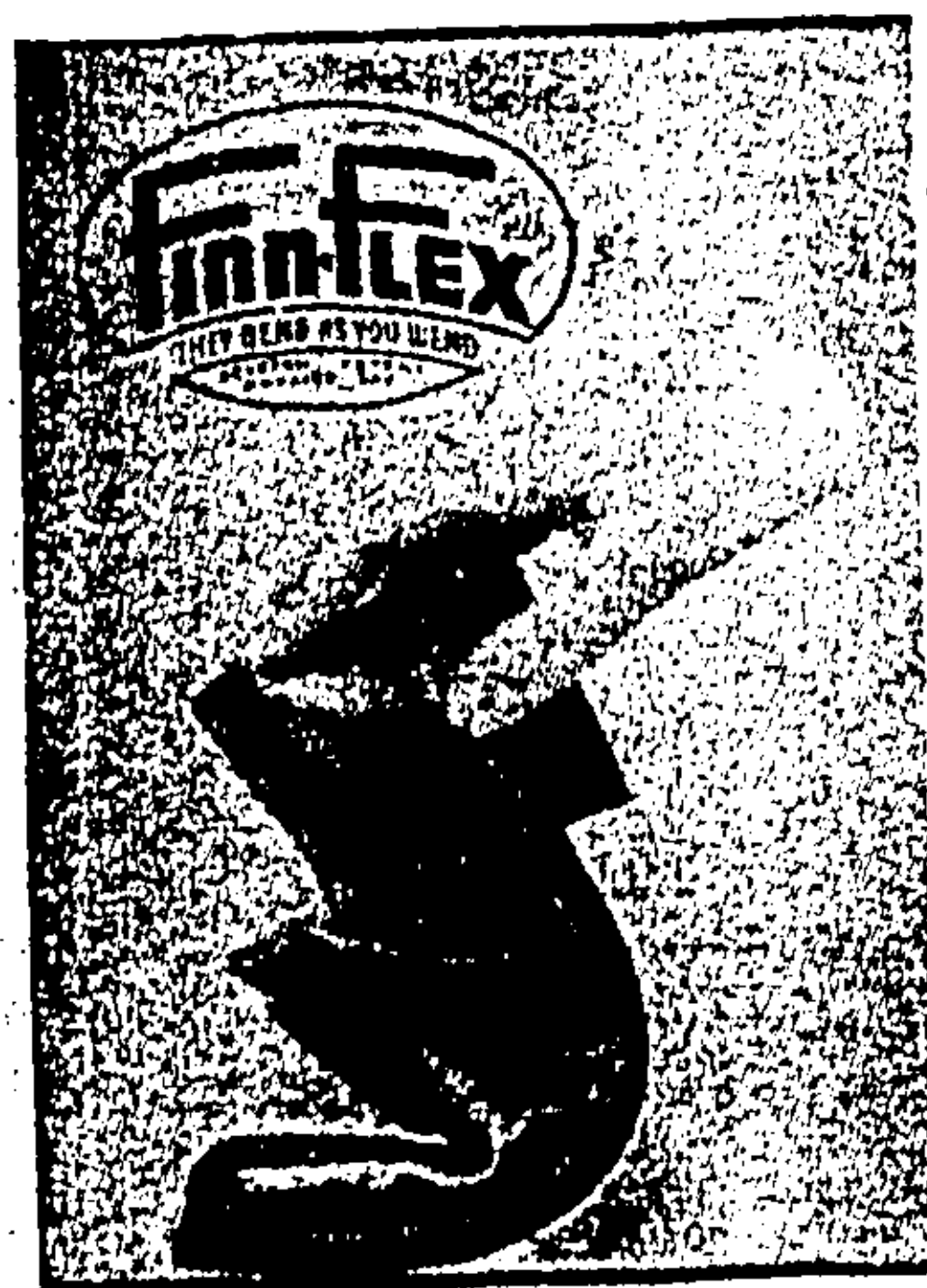
CONTE VERDE TO LEAVE SHANGHAI?

Following the departure of the German freighter, Ramses, over the week-end, it is now reported that the Conte Verde, 18,700 ton Italian liner, is also preparing to depart, says a Shanghai message.

The Italian liner is stated to have spent all day yesterday taking on water and fuel. It is rumoured that she would make a dash for Kobe where she would be fitted out as a raider. — Reuter.

DEATH

JOAQUIM BAPTISTA, at his residence, 5, St. Joseph's Terrace, Hong Kong, at 2.20 a.m. Wednesday, 2nd April, 1941. Aged 70 years. Funeral will pass the monument to-day (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy).



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